

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada Iowa ♦ Sunday, April 11, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Introduction

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!...

Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

First Lesson Acts 4:32-35

32Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalms 133

Second Lesson: 1 John:1:1-2:2

1We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— 3we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no

darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel John 20:19-31

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion

Pastor Kathleen will be offering holy communion this Thursday, April 15, at both 10:00am and 11:00am. Sign up online via SignUpGenius, or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

Sunday School

Sunday School resumes this Sunday, April 11th at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Deacon Jodi Schuman Accepts New Call

We know you've been curious! Deacon Jodi can now officially announce that she has accepted her call as Assistant to the Bishop For Candidacy and Operations at the Southeast Iowa Synod Office of the Bishop. In this position, she will be responsible for leading in areas of candidacy, governance, operations, and events. Congratulations, Jodi!

Add or Update Your Directory Picture.

Help Pastor Kathleen learn new names and faces by



making sure your directory information is correct and that there is a photo of your household using the email link sent by Dan Stieler. If you need assistance, please email Dan or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

Pastor Duane Contact Info

If you didn't get a chance to wish Pr. Duane farewell, he will gladly receive correspondence through his home address and/or email:

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Des Moines, IA 50312-5108

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New Office Hours

The church office will now be staffed Tuesday - Friday, 8:00am - 3:00pm, beginning this Tuesday, April 13.

Welcome Message from Pastor Kathleen

Greetings to you all in this season of Easter!

I wanted to take a moment to say "hello" to you all and let you know how grateful I am to be here and a part of this community with you all. In my first few days here my family and I have been so warmly welcomed. It's been great to speak with some of you on the phone and to meet some of you in-person through masks even! Thank you so much for looking after my family with generous gifts of strong arms to help move our belongings, wonderful food, laughter, and so much more.

This weekend in our online worship we will be singing one of my favorite hymns: *Gather Us In*. While there are so many beautiful lyrics in this hymn, one of the lines that really speaks to me at this time of new beginnings is from the second verse: *give us the courage to enter the song*. As someone who grew up playing and appreciating music these words about a unified song resonate deeply. Here at Memorial, you are truly gifted with an abundance of musical talent and skill to lead in all kinds of songs! Your music is a gift from God and it stirs up our awareness of God's

holiness in our midst.

Yes, we are still in a pandemic and are still being mindful of physical distancing. However, that does not change the reality that God continues to gather us in across time and space with all the saints. Nor does it change the reality that there is still a song to proclaim. We continue to be Christ's church with a voice that reaches out to the world that God so loves. Whether you are someone who can sing like a songbird or not, whether you can keep a rhythm or not so much, there is a song that God's people proclaim together. What you have to give in your presence to our community may not be a beautiful melody to you, yet to God it is a beautiful and much needed voice in the song that the Risen Christ leads us in singing.

I'm so glad to be gathered with you all in this time and in this place. I look forward to serving and "singing" with you all as your pastor. God's peace to you all.

FAITH AND LIFE TOGETHER

Prayers for Healing

Fred Samuelson, Gary Kluever, Harlen Johnsen, Jim Pappas, Janeen Driscoll, Darren Kluever, Jaylee Bartleson, Larry Christian, Julie Sutherland, Sheila Collingwood *Lyndsey De Vos' mother*, Lynn Harris, George Forsyth, Cassie Harrell, Jeff Sebring *son-in-law of Ernie and Marlene Ruhde*, Norma Gandrup, Linda Horn, Glenda Day, Ginny Hausner, Ken Johnson, Camden Kelsey, Cooper Leeman, Jan Cook, Margie Nahsen

For Those Who Mourn

+Tom Nervig died Wednesday, March 24. A private graveside service will be held with a memorial service at a later date. We extend Christian sympathy to his wife, Sue, children: Tasha (Jeff) Burnett of Goodyear, AZ, Kirk Nervig of Camdenton, MO, Eric Nervig of Phoenix, AZ, Bret Sampson of Nevada, Annette (Jason) Adams of Ankeny and Brian (Julie) Moussalli of Ankeny; and all of his grandchildren

+We extend Christian sympathy to Jeanie Ferneau and all her family after the recent death of her mother. Services information will be forthcoming.