

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa ♦ Sunday, May 2, 2021

Prelude: “*This Joyful Eastertide*”

Welcome

Introduction

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!...

Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁷³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalms 22:25-31

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in

love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel Acclamation: “*Celtic Alleluia*”
(ELW #174)

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Sermon

Voluntary Music: “*O Blessed Spring*”
(Mary Brinkman, solo)

Apostles 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.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sending Hymn: *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

(ELW #619 stz 1,2,4,5,8)

Postlude: *"This Joyful Eastertide"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Zoom Fellowship and Adult Study

Join us for Zoom fellowship each Sunday following worship. The same link will be used each week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83367838198>

For those interested in the Book of Faith adult study, a break out room will be created after some time of fellowship.

Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School! We will meet in person in the fellowship hall Sundays from 10:00am - 11:00am. Our last Sunday School of the season will be May 9.

Sunday School Superintendent Kim Stieler is looking for

individuals to serve on the Faith Formation Committee to plan next year's Sunday School, Bible studies, and anything else members may be interested in starting in the Fall. Contact Kim at amunsonk@gmail.com or 515-450-2650.

Summer Sidewalk Bible Study

St. Patrick's and Central Presbyterian churches have teamed up for a sidewalk Bible study for kids during the summer. A flyer with more information is attached.

Holy Communion

Pastor Kathleen will be offering holy communion at the following times this week:

Thursday, April 29

10:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm

Saturday, May 1

10:00am

Sign up online via SignUpGenius, or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

Message from Pr. Duane Miller

Dear members and friends of Memorial Lutheran Church,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the cards, gifts and well wishes that you caused to come my way before, during and after my final Sunday as your interim pastor. Thank you also for the quilt that was presented to me at my final service. I also appreciate those of you who stopped over after church that day.

I also want to share that effective Saturday, May 1, I will be the Interim Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in West Union, Iowa. The plan is for me to be there for six months, but we all know those plans have a funny way of changing sometimes.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your interim pastor during a most challenging time for all faith communities. Blessings to you as you fulfill your mission in the company of your new pastor.

In Christ,
Pastor Duane Miller

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 Nahnsen

For Those Who Mourn

+Prayers for family and friends of Irma Eilers, who passed away April 6. Funeral services were held April 17 in Sioux City. Irma was 99.

+Prayers for family and friends of Susan Radke following the death of her mother Violet Charlson.

Sidewalk Bible Study for Kids

Who: Kids entering 1-6th grade

When: June 16, 23, 30

July 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 9-10 A.M.

Where: Nevada Library Garden Park

Cost: Free

We will be reading a Bible Story and creating a storyboard book on the sidewalks around town. A small snack will also be provided.

Please register by emailing
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or calling 563-357-1853