

# The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa ♦ Sunday, May 9, 2021

## Prelude: “Gavotte”

(Flute solo, Christine Heintz)

## Welcome & Introduction

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**...

## Kyrie

## Prayer of the Day

## First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## Psalm 98

(presented by Kelley, Molly, Libby, Jack, Nora, and Andrew Seyller)

## Second Reading: 1 John:5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not

burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel Acclamation: “Celtic Alleluia”

(ELW #174)

## Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

## Sermon

## Voluntary Music: “The Gift of Love”

(Aubrie Kolner, vocal 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: “Jesus Loves Me”

(ELW #595)

## Postlude: “Jesus Loves Me”



## 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](mailto: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, May 13

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

#### Saturday, May 15

10:00am

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

## 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.