

The Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa ♦ Sunday, May 16, 2021

Prelude: “O Sing to the Lord”
(Memorial Handbells)

Welcome & Introduction

Thanksgiving for Baptism
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!...

Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

Second Reading: 1 John:5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I

do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Sermon

Voluntary Music: ““Earth, Earth Awake! Your Praises Sing”
(Dave Lekwa, vocal solo with John Buss, trumpet)

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: “Christ is the King”
(ELW #662)

Postlude: “Jubilant Fanfare”
(Memorial Handbells)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-person Worship Resumes May 23rd

We are excited to announce that Memorial will be returning to Sunday in-person worship at 9:00am on May 23rd! We are excited to move forward into this next phase, and we thank you in advance for following the protocols that have been set in place to help us worship safely together:

- Registration online or by phone for in-person worship is required weekly, and will open Monday, May 17th: <https://mlcsundayworship.eventbrite.com>
- Limited registration will be in place to meet distancing guidelines
- Masks will be required in the building
- Online worship will continue to be offered indefinitely
- Holy Communion will be celebrated with individually prepackaged sets
- Fellowship time following worship will be outdoors only

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.

2021-22 Faith Formation Committee

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.

Holy Communion

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

Thursday, May 20

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

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

National Lutheran Choir Virtual Spring Celebration and Benefit – May 23

All are invited to join in a virtual gathering of music, festivities and community to support the National Lutheran Choir. Learn about the coming season, immerse yourself in the music you love, and help the NLC continue to share sacred choral music with people near and far.

“Light Dawns” - Sunday, May 23 @ 4pm @ [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com)

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