

# Trinity Sunday/Blessing of Seniors



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Memorial Lutheran Church  
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**Prelude:** “Here I Am Lord” by John Carter

*Pianist: Lois Theesfield*

*Acolyte: Jack Seyller*

**Call to Worship:** “God is Here Today” ACS #993

*Presenter: Dave Lekwa*

*God is here today;  
as certain as the air I breath,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.*

## Welcome/Greeting

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding**



**rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life**

**and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading - Isaiah 6:1-8**

*Reader: Mike Coverdale*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has

touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

**Psalm: “Here I Am, Lord” ELW #574**

*Vocalist: Dave Lekwa*

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them,  
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

*Refrain  
Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

**Second Reading - Romans 8:12-17**

*Reader: Mike Coverdale*

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**Gospel Acclamation: “Spirit, Open Our Hearts”**

*Vocalist: Dave Lekwa*

*Spirit, open our hearts to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may we love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open our hearts.*

## **Gospel Reading - John 13:1-17**

The Gospel according to John

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Blessing of Seniors**

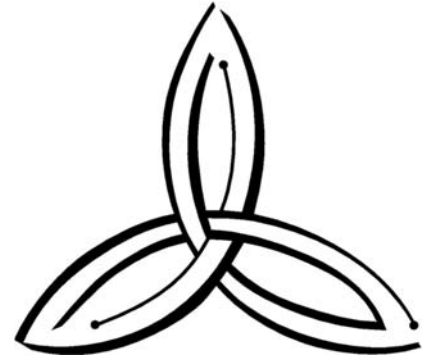
## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## **Sharing of the Peace**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
+ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **Sending Song: "Go My Children With My Blessing" ELW #543**

*Vocalist: Dave Lekwa*

*"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*

*"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children sins forgiven, at peace and pure."*

*"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."*

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" by Flor Peeters**

*Organist: Lois Theesfield*

# Announcements

## First Communion

Any kids currently finishing up 2nd or 3rd grade are invited to attend a First Communion class with their parents this summer. ALL ages interested in learning about Holy Communion are also invited to attend!

**Class:** Saturday, June 12, 10:00am - 11:30am

**First Communion Celebration:** Sunday, June 13 during 9:00am worship


**Class:** Saturday, August 28, 10:00am - 11:30am

**First Communion Celebration:** Sunday, August 29 during 9:00am worship

## Stay Connected

Join us online! We need your help in growing our communities on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram. Here's how you can find us:

 **Facebook**  
@memluthnevada

 **YouTube**  
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 **Instagram**  
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## 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 other activities. Contact Kim at [amunsonk@gmail.com](mailto:amunsonk@gmail.com) or 515-450-2650.

## Holy Communion

Pastor Kathleen will be offering Holy Communion Thursday mornings at 11:00. If you or someone you know would like a home visit, please contact Pastor Kathleen. Sign up online via SignUpGenius, or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

## Council Meeting

The Council will meet this Thursday, June 3 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

## Memorial Offers Giving by Text

Use your smartphone and credit or debit card to support the General Fund via text message. The number to text to is: **515-808-5325**. Simply place a dollar sign (\$) and an amount in the body of the text to get started.#





## Seeking Part-time Custodian

We have been so grateful over the years for the faithful custodial work of Fred Alderson. *THANK YOU*, Fred! At this time, he has discerned taking a step back from this role.

While we will miss Fred, we are currently looking for someone to fill a part-time custodial role. The position will be a flexible 10-15 hours per week and will include cleaning, setup, and other support as needed.

Please call the church office at **515-382-6509**  
or email Emily Dalthorp at **[emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org)**

## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.#

*Prayers for healing for Liz and Bob Meimann's son-in-law, John Snitko, as he has just been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Prayers for the entire family.*

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



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