# Sunday Messenger

Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa ◆ Sunday, April 25, 2021

**Prelude:** "Sheep May Safely Graze" (Memorial Handbells)

Welcome

Introduction

**Thanksgiving for Baptism** 

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!...

**Kyrie** 

**Prayer of the Day** 

# First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

## Psalm 23

(Claira, Lily, Sarah Miller & Sunday School Children)

# Second Reading: 1 John:3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Alleluia" (ELW #174)

# Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Jesus said: <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will

listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

#### Sermon

**Voluntary Music:** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (Stacie Link, harp 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: "Savior, Like a Shepherd

Lead Us " (ELW #789)

Postlude: "Lead Us, Guide Us"

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **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.

# **Sunday School**

Join us for Sunday School! We will meet in person in the fellowship hall Sundays from 10:00am - 11:00am.

# **Office Hours**

Please feel free to call or stop by during the hours below, and Pastor Kathleen or Emily Dalthorp will be happy to assist you!

Monday Closed

Tuesday 8:00am - 3:00pm Wednesday 8:00am - 3:00pm Thursday 8:00am - 3:00pm Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm

# **Add or Update Your Directory Information**

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. If you need assistance, please email Dan Stieler 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-inlaw 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.