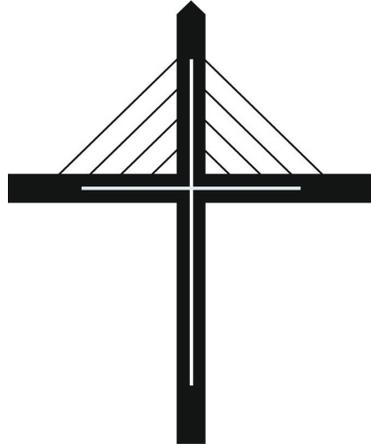


**You Are Always Welcome Here
Just As You Are!**



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June 28, 2020

**Memorial Lutheran Church
Worship Service June 28, 2020**

P= Pastor A=Altar Assistant R=Reader C=Congregation

Gather

Welcome and Call to worship

P. Our Mission Statement is to **WELCOME** all people and to **STUDY** and **LIVE** the Word of God!

P. We call ourselves: A welcoming Community of Faith at Memorial Lutheran, a Bridge to God's love in Toledo. Welcome is important to us. Even if you never worship with us, we hold a space of welcome for you!

C. Psalm 89 (15-16) says, "Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD. They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness."

P. I want to welcome everyone. I want to welcome people who are young. People who are very young. People who are older. People who are very old. People who are so young you haven't been born yet. Will you all join me in exclaiming welcome:

C. Welcome! Psalm 89 (17-18) says, "For you are their glory and strength, and by your favor you exalt our horn. Indeed, our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel." We proclaim Welcome and Amen.

Litany, Song of Praise and opening prayer

P. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, love of God our Father, and communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

R. (Psalm 89:1) I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

C. We want to welcome everyone to His great love: those who have a lot of material resources, those with little or no material resources, and those in the middle. Welcome to people who live in houses, apartments, share houses with roommates and to people who don't live in houses, or people who live outside. Will you all join us in exclaiming welcome to His great love.

R. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'" (Psalm 89:2-5)

A. We welcome everyone to God's firm love and promises. We welcome people who have African heritage, people who have African American heritage, people who have Hispanic or Latino heritage, people who have Asian heritage, people who have Island heritage, people who have European heritage, people who have native American heritage. We want to welcome anyone, including all we might have missed. You are welcome here to share His love.

R. All are welcome, Christian, those who wonder about Christianity, those who have been hurt by Christianity, those who like church, those scared by church, those who are atheist or agnostic, those who have other faiths but still wanted to come. Welcome us and share in His faithfulness.

C. All are welcome to join us here in this place.

P. At the center of all of this, I want to welcome God and God's Spirit! Welcome. Speak to us. Gather us. Change us.

C. Welcome! Amen.

Song of Praise WT: "Come As you Are" David Crowder

Come out of sadness, from wherever you've been.
Come broken hearted; let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy; oh sinner come kneel.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens, Lay down your shame.
All who are broken, Lift up your face.
Oh, wanderer, come home; you're not too far.
So, lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless And all those who've strayed.
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't cure.

So lay down your burdens, Lay down your shame.
All who are broken, Lift up your face.
Oh, wanderer, come home; You're not too far.
So, lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are.

Come as you are. Fall in his arms.
There's joy for the mourning. Oh sinner be still.
Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
Oh, wanderer come home; You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart;
Come as you are. Come as you are.

Prayer

A. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C. Amen

Word

Readings

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord. ⁶ He said, "Amen! May the Lord do so! May the Lord fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the Lord's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. ⁷ Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: ⁸ From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the Lord only if his prediction comes true."

Romans 6:12-23

² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in ²⁴ Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (spoken)

C. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Alleluia. (1 Peter 2:9)

Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Children's Message

Pastor's Message

Special Music

Teresa Loga

"Oh Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Prayers of the people

A. The welcome of God extends beyond our wildest imaginings and then surprises us once again. God has shown us what is good, and what then is required of us? To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Jesus says: Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let each one who hears them say, "Come," for all are welcome here. Black and White, Indian and Hispanic, Middle Eastern and Asian. It matters not to us, whether you are gay or straight, single, married or divorced. You are welcome here. Let us pray together, You are God of all and welcome all and we give you thanks. Be with us, stir up in us your welcome.

C. Let the thirsty ones come — anyone who wants to, let them come and drink the water of life.

A. We pray for all leaders: church, government, countries. Pour out your grace on all. Inspire all to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, to meet hate with love, and welcome each other as we welcome you. Be with us, stir up in us your welcome.

C. Let the thirsty ones come — anyone who wants to, let them come and drink the water of life.

A. We pray for creation, let it thrive and grow to provide for the world. Inspire us to care and be attuned to where the earth cries out. Be with us, stir up in us your welcome.

C. Let the thirsty ones come — anyone who wants to, let them come and drink the water of life.

A. Accompany all who are in need. Comfort the sick, lonely and abandoned and those we name out loud...Peggy Scholl, Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Claudia Sauer, Marilyn Granucci, Keira Hall Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean Phyllis Ballas, Kathryn Robert, Jacob Gulch, Don Gurwell, David Poulson, Joanne Hummel, Diane Swartz, Owen Anthony, Tom & Betsy Naveaux, Dave Gilbert, Mary Lund, The family of Chuck Rhegness and the family of Richard Fisher, Char Bachmayer

Also, we keep in our prayers those serving in the Military: Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, Reid Leslie Be with us, stir up in us your welcome.

C. Let the thirsty ones come — anyone who wants to, let them come and drink the water of life.

A. God, we give thanks for the community of faith at Memorial Lutheran, let us be the bridge this world to you. Give us passion to embrace your vision and mission and recognize where you are leading us. Teach us to be faithful. Be with us, stir up in us your welcome.

C. Let the thirsty ones come — anyone who wants to, let them come and drink the water of life.

A. Receive our prayers and those too deep for words, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: 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

Holy Communion

Post Communion Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you with his grace.

C: Amen

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Blessing

P. May the God of welcome, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless and keep you. May you be inspired to welcome others with God's grace. **C. Amen.**

WT Song "All are welcome" ELW 641

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely
live, a place where saints and children tell how
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and
true, where all God's children dare to seek to
dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as
witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we
claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.