

# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



of AFTON



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Opening Hymn

*We All Are One in Mission*

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## Confession and Forgiveness

Trusting in the mercy of God, let be still before God, confessing our sin and listening for mercy.

God of abundant peace,

**We admit our failings and mistakes to you.**

**We confess our desire to control and constrain your love,  
we own our struggle to live as your Word invites us to live.**

**We allow other, less-worthy voices to shape us,**

**We lash out in fear and self-righteousness rather than listen with compassion.**

**God of abundant peace, we admit our failings and mistakes to you.**

**We hope now in your forgiveness, we stand humbled before your extravagant love.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

People of God,

Remember how loved you are by God! Through generous compassion and endless faithfulness, God forgives us all our sins through Jesus Christ. Let us open our lives to the call of discipleship and the invitation to be healers of hurts and restorers of that which is broken. Let us extend the wide welcome of God to all the world. **We will and we ask God to help and guide us. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings: Romans 12: 1-8

### Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup>And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup>He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Damico-Carper

## Hymn

*Let the Servant Church Arise*

arr. Paul

Damico-Carper

Verse 1

**The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led  
Must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead.  
Across the world, across the street, victims of injustice cry  
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die. *Refrain***

**Refrain**

34 G C G F C  
Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, \_\_\_\_\_ a car - ing

40 G F C C G F  
church that longs to be \_\_\_\_\_ a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice \_\_\_\_\_

46 D<sub>sus</sub> D<sub>m</sub> G<sub>sus</sub> 1. G  
\_\_\_\_\_ and clothed in Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ hu - man - i - ty. \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 2

**For he alone whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood  
And teach us how to share our bread, and feed the starving multitude  
We have no mission but to serve, in full obedience to our Lord;  
To care for all without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating Word. *refrain***

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Communion Liturgy**

**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.

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*Praise Ye the Lord*

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*If you plan to visit with others,  
please show care for your neighbors by wearing a mask after worship.*