

# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



of AFTON



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Opening Hymn  
#710

*Let Streams of Living Justice*

ELW

## 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: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' <sup>20</sup>No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to

drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

**Sermon**

**Pastor Elizabeth Damico-Carper**

**Hymn  
#808**

*Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song*

**ELW**

**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**

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

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