



MEMORIAL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
of AFTON

**September 6, 2020**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

We begin worship with a time of reflection and honesty before God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Faith God, **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and to serve worldly masters.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Give us humble hearts that turn away from sin so we can walk every day in the newness of life you alone can give. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of +Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live now in freedom and do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

**ELW #779**

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

Nick Bannon

**Scripture Reading: Romans 13: 8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not

steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 15-20**

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Damico-Carper

Hymn of the Day

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**ELW #656**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **hear our payer**

### **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.**

Offering

Prayer Away from the Table

Closing Hymn

*Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love*

**ELW #708**

Benediction

Sending Music