

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

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Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

WELCOME

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 25:8-10*

P: Good and upright is the LORD;
C: therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
P: He leads the humble in what is right,
C: and teaches the humble his way.
P: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
C: for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Let us take a moment of silence to confess those sins most burdensome and seek God's forgiveness)

P: Almighty and most merciful Father,
C: we are thankful that Your mercy is
higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings,
deeper than all our sin.
Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes,
our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,
our envy of those who have more than we have,

our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of Your wise and gracious law.
Help us to change our way of life
so that we may desire what is good,
love what You love,
and do what You command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: God hates our sin but never stops loving us.
God's Son, Jesus, sacrificed His life for us
by dying on the cross.
He showed His victory over death
by rising from the dead.
He removed our guilt
and gave us new, unending life with God.
Children of God, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
C: Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE "I Am Free" [Videos/Praise/I am Free](#)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
O blessed Lord, since we cannot count on anything we have done, give us grace to count on Christ and His redeeming work upon the cross. As we delight in His grace, so give us humility to receive Your generosity without offense and trust in Your mercy alone for our salvation; through Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:6–9*

(Seek the Lord while He may be found.)

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30* (Let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ.)

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear...

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for

your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Ephesians 2:8*

P: Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith.

C: And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 20:1–16*

(The last will be first and the first will be last.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.

And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN "Jesus, You Are My Life" Promise Keepers **(videos/praise)**
W&M by Fernando Ortega

SERMON "Comparing" Matthew 20:1-16 Pastor Matt

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: We praise and thank You, O God, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in the person of Jesus, Your only-begotten Son. We praise you for His life which informs our living, for His compassion which changes our hearts, for His clear speaking which contradicts our "harmless generalities," for His disturbing presence, His innocent suffering, His fearless dying, His rising to life breathing forgiveness and restoring us forever to You. For these gifts we praise and worship You. All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in You. All that is lovely, all who are loving, point to You as their fulfillment. Therefore we enter into the feast with glad and joyful

hearts, extoling the name of Jesus Christ in endless praise, here in time and in eternity.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast” (LSB 155)

(M:LSB Hymns/This is the Feast)

Refrain: **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

Refrain: **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

Refrain: **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

Refrain: **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb Who was slain
Has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

Refrain: **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

AS WE APPROACH THE TABLE OF THE LORD

P: Merciful Lord,

**C: we do not presume to come to this Your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.**

**But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed, through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven...**

P: Let us now behold in awe, the mystery of our faith as we receive a foretaste of the feast to come with the prayer on our lips: Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

Please remove the wafer from the bottom of your chalice and hold it while the elements are consecrated.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**P: Let us eat together the body of Christ given for us.
(Now please remove the seal covering the wine and hold the chalice before you)**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the

forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: Heavenly Father, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up envy and strife, and teach us to examine our own hearts that we be free from malice and ill will. Help us by Your grace so that we live lives worthy of the Gospel and live at peace with all people. Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE LORD

Numbers 6:24–26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD smile upon you and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN No. 527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

RECESSIONAL “Toccata 'Christ ist erstandan'” Ulrich Knorr, Organ

(M: Urich Knorr -Die orgel der St. Jakobskirche Rothenburg/ 17 Toccata)