

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Senior Pastor
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Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 08, 2020

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans' Day Recognition

Thanksgiving Food Baskets Orders Due this Wednesday!

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

C: **O Lord, make haste to help us!**

P: May all who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad in Him!

C: **May we say evermore, "God is great!"**

P: For Christ is coming soon.

C: **Soon, He will descend from the heavens.**

P: Soon, He will raise the dead.

C: **And we will always be with the Lord.**

P: He is our help and our deliverer.

C: **O Lord, do not delay!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Indeed, Christ is coming soon to raise the dead and bring us into everlasting life with Him. Yet there are times when we have lived as if Christ's return was not important and not imminent. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P: Heavenly Father,

C: **we confess that we have ignored You and our neighbors in need. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be encouraged by Your presence and forgiven of our sin.**

P: (Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins) God hears your confession and has promised to always be with you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. We are forgiven and we look for the return of Jesus.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

"You Are My All in All" **(video)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His Bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:18–24*
(The day of the Lord is coming.)

[18] Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
 Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
[19] as if a man fled from a lion,
 and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
 and a serpent bit him.
[20] Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
 and gloom with no brightness in it?

[21] “I hate, I despise your feasts,
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22] Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
 I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
 I will not look upon them.
[23] Take away from me the noise of your songs;
 to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
[24] But let justice roll down like waters,
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18* (We will always be with the Lord.)

[13] But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15] For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *1 Thessalonians 5:4; Matthew 25:13*

L: Alleluia. But you, brothers and sisters, are not living in darkness,
 and so that day will not surprise you like a thief.

C: Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1–13* (The parable of the ten virgins.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1] “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ [7] Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ [9] But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ [10] And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12] But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ [13] Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN No. 509 “Christ is Surely Coming”

SERMON “Title TBD”
 Matthew 25:1-13 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES’ CREED *stand*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING “The 11th Hour” **Veterans’ Day Video**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.
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 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 look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN No. 965

“God Bless Our Native Land”