

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 A.M.

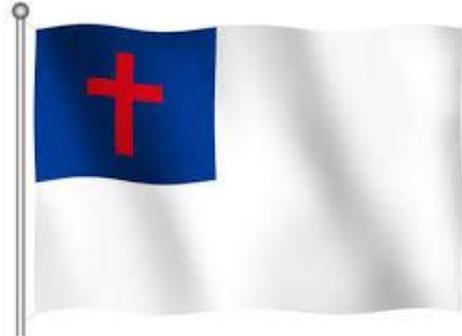
Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Senior Pastor
Rev. Matthew Kusch, Associate Pastor
Cheryl Vohlken, Organist
Bible Class & Sunday School in recess for Summer

Independence Day

July 04, 2021

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Recognition of Holy Baptism for Daniel Kusch. Welcome to the Kusch & Dobbins Families & Friends here for this special recognition.**
- **VBS is almost here! July 26, 28 & 30. Please sign up to help. Registration of children can be done in person or online.**
- **CPR (Campfire, Praise & Renewal) will be held every Wed. night beginning July 7 (6:00-6:30 P.M.) and run through August (except July 28 - VBS). In person only - It will not be recorded on Facebook Live.**



INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

P: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
C: Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

P: “For you were called to freedom, brothers.
C: Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13)

P: “Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.
C: Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. (1 Peter 2:16-17)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Philippians 1:6; 2:7–8*

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess to You our pride, arrogance, and boasting. Forgive us for all our sins in our thoughts, words, and works for the sake of Jesus, who “made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins

P: And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

**SONG OF PRAISE
Andrew Ulugia**

“All the Earth”

**W&M by Jack Hayford, Wayne Huirua &
c. 2001 Parachute Music CCLI # 691913**

**Father Into Your courts I will enter
Maker of heaven and earth
I tremble In Your holy presence**

**Glory, Glory in Your sanctuary
Splendor and majesty, Lord
Before You All life adores You**

Chorus:

**All the earth Will declare
That Your love is everywhere
The fields will exalt Seas resound
Hear the trees Joyful cry
Praising You and so will I
A new song I’ll sing
Lord I will glorify and bless Your Holy name**

**Jesus Lord of all life and salvation Into Your presence we come
We worship You our precious Savior**

**Fill us, fill us with Your holy power Set us aflame in Your love
Till nations all know Your glory**

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Chorus:

**All the earth Will declare
That Your love is everywhere
The fields will exalt Seas resound**

**Hear the trees Joyful cry
Praising You and so will I
A new song I'll sing
Lord I will glorify and bless Your Holy name (Repeat)**

**Glorify and bless Your name
Glorify and bless Your name
Glorify and bless Your holy name. (END)**

**"Borning Cry" W&M by John Ylvisaker,
New Generation Music, P. O. Box 231 Waverly, IA 50627**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

RECOGNITION OF HOLY BAPTISM Daniel Russell Kusch

Daniel is the son of Rev. Matthew & Hailey Kusch. Daniel was baptized by his father on April 14, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis. His sponsors are: Augusta Robbins and Jacob Roush.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious and ever-loving God, we thank and praise You for the freedom we have in You and also the freedom we celebrate today in our nation.

P: As Your grace has been sufficient for Your people throughout all time, grant that it be sufficient for us as well for Your power is made perfect in our weaknesses;

C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 61:1–7* (From shame to joy)

[1] The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

[2] to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

[3] to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

[4] They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

[5] Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;

[6] but you shall be called the priests of the LORD;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
and in their glory you shall boast.

[7] Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 12:1–10* (Paul boasts in his weaknesses.)

[1] I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. [2] I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. [3] And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—[4] and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. [5] On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—[6] though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. [7] So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. [8] Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. [9] But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10] For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 22:26*

L: Alleluia. Let the greatest among you become as the youngest,
and the leader as one who serves.

C: But I am among you as the one who serves. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 22:24–30* (The one who serves is the greatest.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[24] A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. [25] And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. [26] But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. [27] For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

[28] "You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, [29] and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, [30] that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 965 "God Bless Our Native Land"

God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand
through storm and night: when the wild tempests rave,
ruler of wind and wave, do thou our country save
by thy great might.

So shall our prayers shall rise to God, above the skies;
on him we wait; Thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye, to thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!

And not to us alone, but be thy mercies known
from shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see that men should brothers be
and form one family the wide world o'er.

SERMON Pastor Matt Kusch

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.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are You. Before the foundation of the world You chose us to be Your children. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him, all things were made and through Him all things have their life and being. In Him, we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins.

C: Amen.

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

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, 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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

SELF-REFLECTION (As the Sacrament is being prepared, let us take this moment of silence to prepare our hearts to receive this sacred meal.)

1. Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
3. Do you believe Jesus died to atone for your sins?
4. Do you believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
5. Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.
"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.'"

(Let us eat together the body of Christ.)

"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

“Give Thanks”

W&M by Henry Smith c.1978 Integrity’s Hosanna! Music CCLI # 691913

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the holy One
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son (2x)**

(last time) Give thanks. Give Thanks. Give thanks.

**And now let the weak say “I am strong”
Let the poor say “I am rich.”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (top)**

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.**

HYMN “America the Beautiful”

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!**



O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

MAY GOD BLESS ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD
THROUGH CHRIST

