

## Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVERY WED NIGHT – CPR (Campfire, Praise & Renewal) 6:30 PM  
July 26, 28, & 30 – VBS – Sign UP in the Narthex or online!

### INVOCATION

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

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 85:1–13*

P: Today's psalm has two parts. The first is the plea of the psalmist to God, and the second is his announcement of God's promised salvation. We now use Psalm 85 as we confess our sins and hear God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

P: LORD, You were favorable to Your land;  
C: **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

P: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;  
C: **You covered all their sin.**

P: You withdrew all Your wrath;  
C: **You turned from Your hot anger.**

P: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
C: **and put away Your indignation toward us!**

P: Will You be angry with us forever?  
C: **Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?**

P: Will You not revive us again,  
C: **that Your people may rejoice in You?**

P: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,  
C: **and grant us Your salvation.**

(Moment of silent reflection)

P: **O Lord our God,**  
C: **we confess that we have listened to the voices of Satan, the world, and our own desires. We have not loved You with all that we are and have, and we have not considered our neighbors' needs as important as our own. We can only throw ourselves on the mercy of Your gracious court and ask for forgiveness. Grant us the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we may amend our sinful ways.**

P: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;  
C: **but let them not turn back to folly.**

P: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
C: **that glory may dwell in our land.**

P: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
C: **righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

P: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
C: **and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

P: Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
C: **and our land will yield its increase.**

P: Righteousness will go before Him  
C: **and make His footsteps a way.**

Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins

P: ...in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

**SONG OF PRAISE**      “Sing His Love”      Words from Chinese original  
translated to English by Francis Price Jones c. 1952 - New chorus and music by  
Andrew Osenga © 2005 The Velvet Eagle Sings

**Father, long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love  
And that love so deep, so moving  
Draws us close to Christ above  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone**

**Chorus: And the world will sing His love  
Yes, the world will sing His love  
And we'll all join hands  
Every woman, every man  
And sing His love  
We'll sing His love**

**Tho' the world may change its fashion  
Yet our God is ever the same  
His compassion and His cov'nant  
Through all ages will remain  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name (Chorus)**

**God's compassion is my story  
It's my boasting all the day  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave (Chorus)**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.  
O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance.

**C: Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death;**

P: 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 7:7–15*  
(Amos boldly speaks for the Lord against Amaziah and Jeroboam.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**      *Ephesians 1:3–14*  
(God made our salvation certain before the creation of the world.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Matthew 5:10*

P: Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

**C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Mark 6:14–29* (Herodias gets John the Baptist's head.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Reading of the Gospel)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN No. 702**      “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**SERMON**      “Our Holy Identity”      Ephesians 1:3-14      Seminarian Nathan Nelson

**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**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

(Final Petition)

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting  
in Your grace for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us  
to pray saying:

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

**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**

**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.

**SONG**              “God is For Us”              Video

**SENDING**

**P:**      Go in peace as you serve the Lord.  
**C:**      Thanks be to God.

**BE SAFE AS YOU TRAVEL & HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

“Awesome God” sung by Michael W Smith