

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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Bible Class & Sunday School resumes Sep 12 .

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUMs the word! – Sign up sheets are in the Narthex to order 9” mums. \$10/ea.
Orders are due Sept 5 by 11 AM. – Pick is on Tues. Sept 7 (5-6:30 PM)
Aug 22 – Youth & Parents BBQ (4 PM)
Aug 29 – Worship in the Park (10 AM), Rally Day & Picnic
City Pool Party (5:00 – 6:45 PM) INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
C: **Insight is knowing the holy one and seeking justice.**

P: The way of the Lord leads to eternal life.
C: **The way of the world leads only to death.**

P: Through His death and resurrection, Jesus opens the way of eternal life.
C: **Jesus has given us the words of eternal life.**

P: Jesus gives us the food of eternal life, His body and blood.
C: **Come, let us listen to His words, walk His way, and delight in His food.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Though Jesus has come down from the heavens as the bread of life for us, we sometimes listen to other people’s words. We sometimes choose to follow those who do not follow Jesus. We sometimes delight in earthly pleasures rather than the daily bread God has given us. Yet, our heavenly Father calls us back to Him, for His way is a way of forgiveness.

(Let us take a Moment of Silence for reflection on our fluctuating faith and wayward ways and Our Lord’s relentless love and desire to bring us His forgiveness)

P: Heavenly Father,
C: **we have lived according to our own wisdom and desires. We have ignored Your words and wisdom. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us on the way of resurrection and eternal life, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

(Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins)

...Upon this your confession, I as a servant of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins; in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. We are forgiven. We have eternal life with Christ. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE “10,000 Reasons” (Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; 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 *Proverbs 9:1–10* (God’s way of wisdom)

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

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:6–21* (Walking in the way of wisdom and love)

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VERSE *Psalm 34:9*

L: Alleluia. Fear the Lord, you His saints
C: **for those who fear Him lack nothing! Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:51–69* (Jesus is the living bread from heaven.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, 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. 636 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (vss. 1-4)

SERMON “Choice” (John 6:51-69) 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.**

THANKSGIVING

P: Praise and thanks to You, O Lord,
C: **for creating the heavens and the earth,**

P: for Your mercy to Adam and Eve in the promise of a Savior
to crush the Ancient Serpent’s head,
C: **for delivering Noah and his family in the flood,**

P: for freeing the Israelites from oppression in Egypt,
**C: for sending the prophets to expose sin
and renew the promise of the Savior.**

P: Praise and thanks to You, O Lord,
C: for choosing Mary to be the mother of our Lord,

P: for the birth of Jesus, Your Word in the flesh among us,
C: for Jesus' love for the poor, the sick, the oppressed, the hungry,

P: for Jesus' sacrificial death by which He bore our sins on the cross,
C: for Jesus' glorious resurrection dawn,

P: for Jesus' promise to come again in the fullness of His glory.
C: Praise and thanks to You, O Lord,

P: for this gift of Christ's body and blood,
C: for the forgiveness of our sins in this Holy Meal,

P: for this congregation and our oneness in the body and blood of Christ,
C: for this foretaste of the feast to come.

ALL: Praise to You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 955 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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.**

SELF EXAMINATION

P: On the screen are questions to ponder. Take a moment of silent reflection to examine your faith and then come joyfully to receive His Holy Presence through this sacramental meal. (Pause for Self-examination)

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.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

WORDS OF OUR LORD

POST-COMMUNION PRAISE "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" (LSB 806)

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24-26*

HYMN No. 917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

SENDING

P: Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 9:1–10* (God’s way of wisdom)

Wisdom has built her house;
 she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
 she has also set her table.
She has sent out her young women to call
 from the highest places in the town,
“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
 To him who lacks sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Leave your simple ways, and live,
 and walk in the way of insight.”

Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
 and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
 reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
 teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
 and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:6–21* (Walking in the way of wisdom and love)

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
 and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

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C: Praise to You, O Christ.