

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 am.

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Rev. Matthew Kusch, Associate Pastor
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Bible Class & Sunday School begins Sept 12

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Youth & Parents BBQ – (4 PM)

NEXT SUN: 10 AM - Worship in the Park, Farewell to the Kusch Family, Picnic & Rally Day, at the pavilion across from the Katy Cavin's Comm. Ctr.
City Pool Party - 5:00 – 6:45 PM - BYO Drinks and Snacks
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: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house,

C: **and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Lord, restore the fortunes of Your people.

C: **Let all Your people rejoice and be glad!**

P: From generation to generation, You are our God.

C: **Your Word shall be heard among our children and our children's children.**

P: Let us ever share the joys of Jesus.

C: **Let us spread His grace and love to all the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Indeed, it is good to be here, worshiping the Lord and receiving His gifts for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Yet, we must admit that there have been times when we have taken God for granted. There have been times when we have created our own religious, political, and social traditions and given those human-made traditions more attention than Jesus. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and to seek and receive His forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: **we confess that we have not always looked to You for all good. We have created idols for ourselves. We confess our sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Father, for these weak failures. Renew us and lead us, so that we follow You and look to You for all good, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P: O the Love of God that He should be so gracious to us. The time of God's promise has been fulfilled in Jesus. Because of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus your sins have been forgiven and now we, "the meek [have] obtained fresh joy in the LORD, and [we] the poor among mankind exult in the Holy One of Israel" (Isa. 29:19). Rejoice! God has forgiven us and promised us a future in heaven; in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. He is our true inheritance forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

"O Praise the Name" (Anastasis)
W&M by Hastings, Ussher, Sampson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the One who is greater than any earthly temple. Strengthen us as we pass on the faith to our families and neighbors so that we may not pass on mere preferences, but the full potency of You, our Lord and Savior; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 29:11–19*
(Isaiah’s vision of God turning things upside down)

(after the reading)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:22–33*
(Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Jeremiah 15:16a*

P: Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them,

C: **and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:1–13* (The Pharisees argue with Jesus about traditions.)

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

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

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN No. 858 “O Father, All Creating”

O Father, all creating,
Whose wisdom, love, and pow’r
First bound two lives together
In Eden’s primal hour,
Today to these Your children
Your earliest gifts renew:
A home by You made happy,
A love by You kept true.

With good wine, Lord, at Cana
The wedding feast You blessed.
Grant also these Your presence,
And be their dearest guest.
Their store of earthly gladness
Transform to heav’nly wine,
And teach them, in the testing,
To know the gift divine.

O Spirit of the Father,
Breathe on them from above,
So searching in Your pureness,
So tender in Your love
That, guarded by Your presence
And kept from strife and sin,
Their hearts may heed Your guidance
And know You dwell within.

Unless You build it, Father,
The house is built in vain;
Unless you, Savior, bless it,
The joy will turn to pain.
But nothing breaks the union
Of hearts in You made one;
The love Your Spirit hallows
Is endless love begun.

SERMON “The Ideal Marriage” Ephesians 5:22-33 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES’ CREED *stand*

ALL: **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

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 *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.

HYMN No. 687 "Thine Forever, God of Love"

Thine forever, God of love!
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity!

Thine forever! Oh, how blest
They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend,
O defend us to the end!

Thine forever, Lord of Life!
Shield us through our earthly strife.
Thou, the life, the truth, the way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine forever! Shepherd, keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine forever! Thou our guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n;
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

SENDING

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