

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School resumes Sep 12

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 05, 2021

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday School and Bible Class begins next Sunday! (10:45 am)
- Youth Confirmation next Sunday! (4 PM to 5:30 PM)
- Ladies Wed Morning Bible Study begins Sept 15 (9 a.m.)

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 146*

P: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live.**

P: Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;

C: **the LORD sets the prisoners free.**

P: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

C: **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.**

P: The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.

C: **The LORD will reign forever!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not

always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all. *Silence for reflection.*

P: Heavenly Father,

C: **we have failed to love others as You love them. We have often failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have often failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ...

...We are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. Thank You Lord for setting us free to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE "Joyfully"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace and mercy overflow to all people. Lead us to love our neighbors, regardless of their differences from us, so that all people might know the good news of Your death and resurrection for their eternal life and salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 35:4–7a*

(God will come and restore all things.)

EPISTLE *James 2:1–10, 14–18* (What good is a dead faith?)

VERSE *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

L: Alleluia! Fear the LORD, you His saints,
for those who fear Him lack nothing!

C: **Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:31–37* (Jesus heals a deaf man in the Decapolis.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh 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. 845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

SERMON “Faith in Christ is Both Communal & Private” Mark 7

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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

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?

If you have answered "Yes" to all of these questions you are encouraged to come. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

AS WE APPROACH THE TABLE OF THE LORD

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.

HYMN No. 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" (vs. 1)

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

C: And also with you.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P: 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 Psalm 103:1-2

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: and forget not all God's benefits.

P: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE LORD Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN No. 555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (vss. 1, 6, 10)

SENDING

P: Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!