

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

(St Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr, Sept 14)

September 12, 2021

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go to: www.mybslc.org for current posts, service recordings (audio and video), newsletters church calendar,

Bible Class and Sunday School begins TODAY! **10:45 A.M.**

Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall “Ephesians”

Youth Confirmation TODAY **(4 PM)**

Ladies Wed. Morning Bible Study begins Sept 15 **(10 A.M.)** “Colossians”

City Museum Trip (Sun. Sept 19 - 12 noon) Must RSVP by Fri. Sept 17!!

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 12, 22

L: Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

Sing to him a new song;

pluck the strings skillfully, with shouts of gladness.

C.: **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

L: For upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right;

of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

C: **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

L: Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

C: **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. And we feel the guilt of sin. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: **we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

L: Isaiah confidently writes: “Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?” (Isaiah 50:8-9). St Paul, self-proclaimed “Chief of Sinners” said it this way, “If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.” (Romans 8:31–34). Dear Redeemed, the Lord God wants you to know that because of Jesus you can be assured of His divine favor. In Christ you are forgiven and freed from all your guilt and shame; in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE Lord of the Dance Traditional Folk Song

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth

Refrain: Dance, dance wherever you may be
 I am the Lord of the dance said he
 And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
 And I'll lead you all in the dance said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
But they would not dance and they would not follow me,
I danced for the fishermen for James and John
They came with me and the dance went on, then, (Refrain)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
The whipped and they stripped and they hung me high
And they left me there on a cross to die then, (Refrain)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone
But I am the Dance and I still go on, then (Refrain)

They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the life that'll never, never die
I'll live in you If you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the Dance said He then (Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.
 Almighty God, who gave to your servant Cyprian boldness to confess the
 Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage
 to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the
 hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS INSTALLATION

PreK-K – Marcie Monaco & Marty Lintvedt
1st – 3rd Grade – Loriann Reynolds & Mary Stake
4th – 6th Grade – Lyndsey Sherman
7th – 12th Grade – Wendi Gorney & Seminarians
Adult Class – Pastor Vern
Assistants: Seminarians P.J. Aarsvold, Nathan Nelson, & Matt Martin

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 50:4–10* (God sustains and vindicates His people.)

(after the reading)

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

EPISTLE *James 3:1–12* (The tongue is small but powerful in speaking both good and evil.)

(after the reading)

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

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 Luke 7:31-35 (Wisdom is justified by all her children)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth 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. 849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

SERMON “Weeping and Dancing” Luke 7:31-35
St Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage and Martyr (Sept 14)

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

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

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

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, 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.**

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

HYMN No 784 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God!