

## Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 A.M.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### INVOCATION

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

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 27:7, 11a, 13–14; 51:15; 70:1*

P: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
C: **Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!**

P: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!  
C: **Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path.**

P: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!  
C: **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.  
C: **Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Morning, noon, and night we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done those things which are expected of Your dutiful servants. We have neglected the salvation You so graciously have provided for us. Indeed, we deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness, mercy, and love. Amen.**

Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins.

P: The author of Hebrews writes: "It was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering" (Heb. 2:10). Through Jesus' suffering and sacrifice on Calvary's cross, God made Him to be the founder of our perfect salvation. This salvation is being renewed to us, even now, so that we can say with David in Psalm 27, "I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!" (Psalm 127:13). Now receive the goodness of the Lord, His promised forgiveness; in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE

**SONG OF PRAISE** "The Goodness of Jesus" CityAlight

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.  
Father of our Lord Jesus, the strength of all who trust You, help us to live according to Your design and to treasure both Your word of command and Your word of forgiveness. Make our lives to be signs of Your life and the instruments of renewal in our world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 2:18–25* (God creates and fashions the first woman.)

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

## EPISTLE *Hebrews 2:1–13 (14–18)* (Counsel against neglecting salvation)

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?  
You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,  
putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

(Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and

faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Mark 10:14b*    [See Music Index]

L: Alleluia. Let the children come to Me;

C: do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Mark 10:2–16*      (Jesus blesses the children.)

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

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

(The Gospel is read.)

And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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**      “A Broken and Blessed Community”

**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

P: Blessed are You, O God, for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on Your beloved Son afresh. Renew our spirits in Him. Fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name. Amen.

CANTICLE "Before You, Lord, We Bow (LSB 966 – vs 1)

**Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!**

#### SELF-REFLECTION

P: What makes us worthy and prepared to receive this life-giving meal from our Lord? If you can answer the 5 following questions affirmatively, be assured that you are truly worthy and prepared.

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?

P: Come to the table of the Lord,  
you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;  
you who have been to this sacrament often  
and you who have not been for a long time;  
you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.  
Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Jesus says to one and all,  
'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *(John 6:35)*

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.**

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.

#### 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 CANTICLE (LSB 941 – VS. 3)

**You, Christ, are King of glory,  
the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,**

**Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection  
You won for us reprieve  
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.**

#### BLESSING OF THE LORD

P: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all  
C: **Amen.**

#### HYMN No. 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

#### SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**