

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor
Assisting: PJ Aarsvold, Nathan Nelson
and Matt Martin
Cheryl Vohlken, Organist
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 A.M.

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Pastor Perry Schefelker, our guest Proclaimer for today! He retired as associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Centralia on July 31, 2016; then, served as visitation pastor for Trinity, Centralia, until their senior pastor retired on Aug. 1, 2018. Diane and he moved to O'Fallon in August of last year to be closer to their son, Nathan, and his wife, Keatyn (Kujawa); she gave birth to their granddaughter, Carlin, on Oct. 9th, their wedding anniversary. Though born premature and hospitalized for several weeks at Missouri Baptist, she is doing great now. Pastor Perry & Diane babysit weekly, partly due to the lack of childcare available in the area. They are members of our congregation.

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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 119:73–80

L: Your hands have made and fashioned me;
C: **give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.**

L: Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
C: **because I have hoped in your word.**

L: I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous,
C: **and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.**

L: Let your steadfast love comfort me
C: **according to your promise to your servant.**

L: Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
C: **for your law is my delight.**

L: Let the insolent be put to shame,
because they have wronged me with falsehood;
C: **as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.**

L: Let those who fear you turn to me,
C: **that they may know your testimonies.**

L: May my heart be blameless in your statutes,
C: **that I may not be put to shame!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on "Confession" in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.
C: **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

L: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE "Waymaker" (video)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us Your Holy Spirit who writes the preached word into our hearts so that we may receive and believe it, and be gladdened and comforted by it in eternity. Glorify Your Word in our hearts. Make it so bright and warm that we may find pleasure in it, and through Your inspiration think what is right. By Your power fulfill the Word, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 36:1-3, 20-25

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:13-25 (*Called to Be Holy*)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Matthew 24:13-14

L: Alleluia. The one who endures to the end will be saved.

C: **And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations. Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 24:3–14 (Signs of the End of the Age)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" (video)

SERMON "Jesus' Master Plan: Care for His Kingdom," Matthew 24:13-14
Rev. Perry Schefelker

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

HYMN No. 940 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (verse 1 only)

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

C: **And also with you.**

SELF-REFLECTION (As the Sacrament is being prepared, let us take this moment of silence to prepare our hearts to receive this sacred meal.)

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.
Give us, therefore, gracious Lord, through the mystery of Your presence
so to take the body of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink His
blood, that our sinful bodies, 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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING (LSB 924 – vs 2 only)

**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.**

BLESSING OF THE LORD

HYMN No. 804 "O Worship the King" (vss. 1,4-6)

SENDING