

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 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Mark 10:48, 52*

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD.
C: **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!**

P: Let us confess our greatest need to God, our merciful Father.
C: **Merciful God, we confess that we are in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin, our failure to keep Your holy Commandments in our thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from the darkness of death by the light of Your Son's saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Speak now Your divine Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Amen.**

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE "Healing Is in Your Hands"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:7–9*
(The LORD will turn mourning to joy.)

For thus says the LORD:
"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'O LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.'
Behold, I will bring them from the north country
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

EPISTLE *Hebrews 7:23–28* (Jesus, our perfect High Priest forever)

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

VERSE *Hebrews 12:2a*

L: Alleluia. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
C: **the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:46–52* (Jesus heals Bartimaeus.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for

you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

No. 828 “We Are Called To Stand Together”

SERMON “A Band of the Broken” Jeremiah 31:7-9
 Senior Seminarian PJ Aarsvold

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

L: Gracious and merciful God, we give You thanks that You have restored our spiritual sight in the salvation You have given to the whole world through the blessed and glorious death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to fix our eyes continually upon Him as He comes to us here in the preaching of Your Holy Word and the faithful administration of Your Holy Sacraments. Enable us to follow Him in the way that leads to the eternal vision of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Guide and defend Your whole Church. Bless Matthew, our synodical president, and Timothy, our district president. Grant wisdom and grace to all pastors, and send the light of Your truth into all the earth that many may come to receive Your grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Today we thank You especially for Lutheran Braille Workers, who serve those with vision impairments with religious and spiritual materials. Bless the many volunteers in their service to blind and low-vision people worldwide. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear the offices of government in our land. Help them to serve all people according to Your holy will. Guard and protect also all who serve in the armed forces of our country, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them faithfulness and success in their service, and grant that their homecomings be joyful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Be with those also who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near, [*especially . . .*]. Sustain and bless all who care for those that suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . .*]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: 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.**

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. 814 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God!