

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.

Reformation Day

October 31, 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.**

OPENING SENTENCES *John 8:31–32*

P: Jesus said, “If you abide in My word,
C: **you are truly My disciples,**

P: and you will know the truth,
C: **and the truth will set you free.”**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 8:36*

P: With humble hearts, let us approach our Father’s throne of grace.

Silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior

P: Let us pray: Gracious Father,

C: because our entire lives are to be ones of repentance, we bow before You and confess our sins. We have turned away from the truth of Your Word, choosing to go our own way. By what we have thought, by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have broken Your commands and are deserving of Your wrath and punishment. By the mercy of Christ, Your Son, set us free from our captivity. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live under You in Your kingdom and to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

P: Just as Christ is risen from the dead, He lives and reigns to all eternity! It is most certainly true that He died and rose again to make us right with God, to adopt us as children of the heavenly Father, and to set us free from sin and death. What therefore, God has declared in His Word, I now declare to those who love God and have put their faith in Christ’s saving work. The debt of Your sins has been paid in full by the blood of Jesus. The Spirit of Christ has made us free to walk as children of God and our heavenly Father stands ready to welcome us with open arms into His everlasting kingdom. Receive now His gift of grace; in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: “So if the Son sets you free,

C: **you will be free indeed!”**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me” CityAlight

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING *Revelation 14:6–7*

(The Gospel is eternal and must be proclaimed everywhere.)

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28*

(The righteousness of God comes through faith in Jesus Christ.)

VERSE *Luke 12:32*

L: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

C: **for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:31–36* (Jesus' truth will set you free.)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth 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 No. 657 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

SERMON “The Truth Will Set You Free!” John 8:31-36

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

L: ... if the Son sets you free,

C: **you will be free indeed!**

✠ 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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those
whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our
sin and be our Savior. With joyful hearts, we receive the truth that sets us free.

C: **We are free to know You, free to worship You, and free to abide in Your
Word!**

P: Unite us as one in the body and blood of our Savior that we may live in the
freedom we have come to know and have found in Christ alone. To You, O
Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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?

RESPONSE OF FAITH (LSB 618 – vss. 1 & 3)

I come, O Savior to Thy table, for weak and weary is my soul
Thou, Bread of Life, alone are able To satisfy and make me whole:
Lord, may Your body and Your blood, Be for my soul the highest good.

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy Lamb will banish never, For You my faithful shepherd are:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LSB 506 – vs. 2)

BLESSING OF THE LORD *John 8:31–32, 36; Numbers 6:24–26*

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C: you are truly My disciples,

P: and you will know the truth,

C: and the truth will set you free.

P: So if the Son sets you free,

C: you will be free indeed."

P: The Lord bless you and keep you...

C: Amen.

HYMN No. 816 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

SENDING