

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.

First Sunday in Lent

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Glorify Thy Name

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS For information on all church events, sermon recordings, church calendar, newsletters: GO TO: www.mybslc.org

- Midweek Lenten Meal (6 PM) and Worship (7 PM)
- Adult Choir Regroup! - Welcome all singers! (Wed, 7:45 PM)
- Seeking Adult Prayer Warriors for Youth (see Sandie Rust for more info)
- SPRING FORWARD one hour next Sunday!

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

L: O Lord, who came to call sinners to repentance,

C: **call them still that they may yet answer.**

L: Be merciful even to those who have no excuse for their sins

C: **but have hated You and the Father who sent You.**

L: Lord, who met the hardness | of the thief,

C: **soften the hearts of all who are impenitent.**

L: You who did restore the woman caught in sin,

C: **restore all those who have fallen away from You.**

L: You who called Zacchaeus from the sycamore tree,

C: **arouse the careless and arrest the curious.**

L: You who spoke words of spirit and life,

C: **enlighten the ignorant and teach them Your way.**

L: Dispel the darkness of prejudice and correct all error;

C: establish Your people in the truth of Your Gospel.

L: You who called St. Matthew from the love of money,

C: deliver all who live in slavery to the world.

L: You who prayed for those who crucified You,

C: look in compassion upon those who persecute Your servants.

L: You who called out many devils,

C: set free by Your grace all who are victims of their lies and ways.

L: You who met with mercy the doubts of St. Thomas,

C: deal gently with those who can scarcely believe.

L: You who saved St. Peter from drowning,

C: rescue all those who are weak and fearful.

L: You who proclaimed deliverance to the captives,

C: release the prisoners from the bonds of their sins.

L: You who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,

**C: open deaf ears to the voice of Your Word
and loosen our tongues to confess.**

L: You who raised the dead to life,

**C: quicken our souls by Your Holy Spirit
to lives of faith and righteousness.**

L: You who came to save Your people from their sins,

C: save us, O Lord, who put our trust in You.

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Save us, O Lord, for the sake of Your name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

L: In every temptation, on every occasion, Jesus withstood the Devil's attempts to destroy God's mission of redeeming us from our sins. And by His resurrection - sin, death and the devil became the vanquished while those in Christ have become the victors! Because of His faithfulness to God the Father in spite of incredible temptations, Jesus has opened the door of heaven to every believer. So now, "if you have confessed with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Family of God, having received such great forgiveness, bought and paid for by His precious blood, let us look forward to the Great Day of the Lord when we shall take possession of our inheritance.

C: **"The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN No. 727 "On Eagles' Wings"

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge, my Rock in whom I trust.**

**Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)**

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. (Refrain)**

**For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot upon a stone. (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son was led by the Spirit to fast forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Give us Your grace and Spirit that we may be faithful before temptation and delivered from slavery to sin through forgiveness to serve You faithfully all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 26:1–11* (God’s people recall His mighty deliverance from the slavery of Egypt into the land of promise.)

“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 10:8b–13* (The Word of the Lord is always near us, and all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.)

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Ephesians 6:11*

L: Put on the whole armor of God,

C: **that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:1–13*

(Our Lord is tempted in the wilderness by Satan.)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.”

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’

And, “On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised” TUNE: LSB 527 - Angel’s Story

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of selfwill.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

SERMON “Spitting at the Devil” Luke 4:1-13 Pastor Vern

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.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth. You have revealed Your mercy to us in
granting us Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish
but have eternal life. We give thanks for the redemption prepared for us through
Jesus Christ and pray You to grant us Your Holy Spirit, that enlightened with a living
faith, we might be worthy to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us in Your kingdom Lord, and teach us to pray, saying:

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei) LSB 180

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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.)

- 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 I 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?**

If you have answered "Yes" to all of these questions you are encouraged to come. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

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 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (LSB 422)

On my heart imprint your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!

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.

SONG "These Things Are True Of You" Tommy Walker
CCLI Song # 1781736

Unshakable immovable... Faithful and true
Full of wisdom... Strength and beauty
These things are true of You

Fearless courageous... Righteousness shines through
In all You do... Yet You're so humble
You laid down Your life... These things are true of You

Chorus

**And as I turn my face to You
Oh Lord I ask and pray
By the power of Your love and grace
Make these things true of me too
Make these things true of me too**

**Patient compassionate... Love flows through You
You never give up... On the hopeless ones
These things are true of You**

**Holy and blameless... You stand up for justice and truth
Yet You love mercy and forgiveness...
These things are true of You (Chorus)**

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!