

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor
Assisting: Seminarian PJ Aarsvold
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Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Apr 6 - Lenten Midweek Service (7 pm) "A Lenten Journey with Joseph". Lenten Supper (6 pm)



INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:1–2*

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
C: **and cleanse me from my sin!**

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
C: **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

L: Merciful Father,
C: **we beg You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us sinners. Though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, deliver us according to the mercy You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restore us as Your own sons and daughters. Forgive us all our sins, create in us new and contrite**

hearts, O Lord. And instill in us the will and desire for all that is good and right and true. Make us to know Your will and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

L: Like the prodigal son, we have disowned our God and Father, and drifted away from His household. We have recognized that the world offers us cheap thrills that do not last and in the end give us back nothing in return. We have prayed, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before You. I am no longer worthy to be called Your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."

Our heavenly Father is filled with joy as we have come home once again with repentant hearts. Jesus shows us our loving and giving Father who runs to us and receives us even when we have wasted our lives. And through His suffering, death and resurrection, He showed us the depth of God's love. In this moment of repentance and faith, we are forgiven and restored as God's beloved children.

Beloved of God, let us put on His precious robe of Jesus' righteousness, accept the signet ring of sonship, and proudly wear the shoes made ready for sharing the Gospel of peace; in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"

SONG OF PRAISE "Jesus Strong and Kind" CityAlight (video)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good gifts and have given us Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Deliver us from our sin and restore to us the joy of our salvation, that having received such mercy, we need not surrender to despair anymore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 12:1–6* (Surely God is my Savior.)

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:16–21*
(If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.)

VERSE *Psalm 32:1, 10*

L: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
C: **whose sin is covered.**

L: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
C: **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*
(My son was dead and now he is alive again.)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth 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. 554 “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

**O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:**

**When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.**

**O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:**

**May ev’ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!**

**Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!**

SERMON “Mercy Gives Us a Second Chance – Grace Throws a Party!”
Luke 15 Pastor Vern

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 “Thank You Lord” Dennis Jernigan (video)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

BLESSING OF THE LORD

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN No. 803. "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God!

