

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.

Easter 3 – Confirmation Sunday

May 01, 2022

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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(The Cross & Candidates for Confirmation will lead the procession)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 901 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!**

**Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
How so e'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.**

INVOCATION

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

EASTER ACCLAMATION

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: We have come to worship our great God. However, in our sinful condition, we cannot get near to Him. So let us confess our sins to God that we may receive His mercy.
C: **I confess to You, heavenly Father, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and actions. I am unable to save myself, to turn from my errors, and to atone for my sins. I plead to God for grace and mercy.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN No. 482 “This Joyful Eastertide”

**This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain**

Refrain:

**Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, Arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!**

**Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: Refrain**

**My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number:** Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.
O God, through the sacrifice of Your Son on our behalf, You made us worthy to approach You in confident faith.
C: Help us by Your Holy Spirit to give You all the praise each day in what we think, say, and do;
L: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

PSALM 100 (His Steadfast Love Endures Forever)

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
**C: Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!**
L: Know that the LORD, he is God!
**C: It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
C: Give thanks to him; bless his name!
L: For the LORD is good;
**C: his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

VERSE *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

L: Christ has risen from the dead.
C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,
L: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
C: He has put all things under His feet.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 21:1–19*

(Jesus visits the disciples a third time after Easter as they fish.)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN No. 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" (vss. 1, 4, 6-8)

**Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation,
It is Your body and Your blood; And at Your invitation,
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest;
For comfort, and for pardon.**

**We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing;
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true, All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.**

**Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.**

**Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior
And, truly grieving for our sins May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.**

**For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me.
When living and when dying.**

SERMON "A Fish Fry with a Side of Forgiveness" John 21:1-14 Pastor Vern

OFFERING

✠ RITE OF CONFIRMATION ✠

Morgan Kjosa, Margaret Monaco, Hanna Schmidt, and Mikaila Soberanis

CONFIRMANDS PRESENTATIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: 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.**

QUESTIONS (continued)

CONFIRMATION

P: Family members and friends are invited to come forward and stand behind their loved one during their vows, and to lay hands on the Confirmands during the blessing.

THE WELCOME & BLESSING

P: (To the whole Group:)

For as much as you have made confession of your faith and received Holy Baptism, I do now, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great King and Head of the Church, welcome you to participate in all the spiritual privileges of the Church. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS

(Confirmands return to their seats)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE INVITATION

P: You, O God, have declared us to be Easter people!

C: We have come to share in the table that You have prepared for us.

P: You took the bad news of our sin and guilt and changed it to Good News through Jesus dying and rising for us.

C: We are here to celebrate that Good News and most importantly the Presence of Christ among us, given in this sacrament.

P: We thank You, Lord God, for this mystery given in love for us. Accept us, forgive us, and heal us – that we might live lives that are pleasing to You.

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

P: Lord Jesus, help us to pray these words with our hearts as well as our lips:

C: 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.

PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

P: St Paul urges us to examine ourselves before receiving the Sacrament lest we eat and drink judgment upon ourselves...

P: We declare our faith together:

- I am baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- I am truly aware of my condition as a sinner and need God's grace!
- I believe Jesus died to atone for all my sins, past, present and future!
- I believe that in eating and drinking this consecrated meal of bread and wine, God assures me of His forgiveness and feeds me mysteriously with the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
- I desire to amend my sinful ways and seek God's help so that I may grow into the full stature of Jesus Christ, my Savior!

P: In true faith let us receive this gift of grace knowing that it is God Himself who makes us worthy and well prepared to receive this Sacrament.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION The Confirmands and their immediate families commune first.
“Wonderful Merciful Savior – Selah” “Sing to Jesus” Fernando Ortega

(after the Distribution)

PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to serve You constantly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE LORD

**P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD smile upon you and + give you peace.**
C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG “Brothers & Sisters in Christ” c. Used by Permission

**Sing alleluia! Amen!
Let Your prayers and praises ascend.
Lift up your voices and sing
To our Lord God, and Savior and King!
Here brought together by grace,
We are gathered as friends in this place.**

Chorus:

**And assembled as one, in the name of the Son.
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford,
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Man walked alone and in need,
Without faith, hope or promise or creed,
Wandering aimlessly lost,
Unaware of the staggering cost,
That God in His mercy would save,
All His people from death and the grave... (chorus)**

**Lord, teach us how to proclaim,
All Your goodness, Your love and Your name.
Lord, teach us how to forgive,
And in love teach us Lord, how to live,
Raising our voices in song,
Help us tell all the world we belong. (chorus)**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

SENDING

**P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!**

The Confirmation Class of 2022 will be greeted by the congregation in the Foyer and return to the sanctuary for pictures.