

## Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 am.

Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor  
Rev. Perry Schefelker, Guest Proclaimer  
John Lundeby, Reader, Cheryl Vohlken, Organist  
Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 am.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (Life Sunday)**

**January 15, 2023**

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is “Life Sunday” – We begin a collection today for the Mosaic Crisis Pregnancy Center. Baby Bottles are on the credenza in the narthex for your coins.
- Today Pastor Perry will be leading a Bible Study for Adults in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 am. Join us for refreshments between the service and Bible Class.

**HYMN No. 869** “With the Lord Begin Your Task”

### INVOCATION

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

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me,  
for I have sinned against you! Psalm 41:4  
**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

P: His heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad. Psalm 41:6  
**C We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P: Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread,  
has lifted his heel against me. Psalm 41:9  
**C We have not loved You with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

P: They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;  
he will not rise again from where he lies.” Psalm 41:8

**C: We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

P: But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up. Psalm 41:10

**C: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P: By this I know that you delight in me:  
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. Psalm 41:11

**C: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

P: You have upheld me because of my integrity,  
and set me in your presence forever. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting! Psalm 41:12-13

**C: so that we may delight in Your will  
and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor. In the day of trouble the Lord delivers  
him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive. Psalm 41:1-2

Pronounces the Forgiveness of sins.

### SHARING THE PEACE

**HYMN OF PRAISE No. 814** “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings  
even though we are undeserving. We especially thank You for the blessing of life -  
physically and spiritually. Give us confidence in Your goodness and mercy always;  
through 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** Genesis 1:26-31a (Physical Life Created by God).

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 1:3-10 (Spiritual Blessings in Christ)

**SOLO** "Peace in Christ" by Nic Day Grayson Gorney, soloist

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 5:1-12 (Sermon on the Mount)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON HYMN No. 765** "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
Faith sees a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding ev'ry hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and will break  
In blessings on your head.

**SERMON** "Blessed for Life," Ps. 41:1-2 Pastor Perry Schefelker

**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** (as the offering is brought forward we sing the following song)

**HYMN** "I'll Walk with God" Mario Lanza (solo)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

✘ 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...  
...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

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.**

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 "Jesus Strong and Kind" (video)

LSB # 861 – "Christ Be My Leader"

BLESSING OF THE LORD

P: In this New Year may the Lord go before you to prepare your way, behind you to encourage you, above you to watch over you, below you to be your firm foundation, beside you to befriend you, and within you to give you His peace.

CLOSING HYMN No. 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

**Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me Unto the end.**

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God!**

