

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor
Assisting: Seminarian Matt Martin
Cheryl Vohlken, Organist
Sunday School 10:45 am

Red Letter Challenge – Introduction

February 19, 2023

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb 21 – Red Letter Challenge begins - small groups forming – see announcements

Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday (7 PM)

OPENING SONG “Here I Am to Worship” (video)

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

L: Praise the LORD, all nations!

C: **Extol Him, all peoples!**

L: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

C: **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

C: **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *2 Peter 1:19*

L: That we may enter into the holy presence of Christ, let us confess our sins that we may be made the righteousness of God.

C: **We confess to You, almighty God, our blindness to Your glory and our reluctance to seek Your grace. We have sinned against You and our neighbors by our own fault in both our thoughtless actions as well as the good we have failed to do. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us. Renew our hearts, enliven us in spirit, and let us see Your glorious mercy.**

L: Jesus said, ““Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” Having confessed our sin and trusted in His sacrificial death for us, Jesus has assured us that our faith is built on solid rock. Let us hold fast to this faith; in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE “He Leadeth Me” (video)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

EPISTLE James 1:19-25 (Hearing and Doing the Word)

VERSE *Psalm 18:2*

L: Alleluia! The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

C: **my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 7:24-29 (Build Your House on the Rock)

HYMN No. 579 “The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

SERMON “Building on Rock; Hearing and Doing the Words of Jesus”
Matthew 7 and James 1 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. *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.

PROPER PREFACE

P: ...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we
laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(p. 507 in hymnal vs 4)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

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

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “I Surrender All” (video)
“Come, Follow Me,” The Savior Spake (LSB 688)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING LSB 632 (vs. 1)

BLESSING OF THE LORD Numbers 6:24–26

HYMN No. 707 “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God.