

# Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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

**Easter 3**

**April 23, 2023**

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apr 26 – Concordia Seminar Assignment of Vicarages & Call Day (3PM & 7PM)

To livestream go to: [www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu) or Facebook or Youtube

May 06 – 6 Hour Prayer Vigil (6AM – 12PM). An Elder will be on site

Jun 5-9 - VBS is Coming! Registration Online ([www.mybslc.org](http://www.mybslc.org)) Helpers Needed!

## INVOCATION

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

**C:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

**L:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**L:** God raised Jesus from the dead

**C:** and gave Him honor and glory.

**L:** We place our faith in Him,

**C:** and we place our hope in His resurrection.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 Peter 1:24–25*

**L:** As human beings, we inherited futile ways and deeds. We were born in sin, and we daily sin much. Though we may try to do what is right, we always fall short, burdened by mistakes and the weight of sin...

Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to draw near, confess our sins, and long to hear His living and abiding Word.

*Silence for reflection.*

**L:** Heavenly Father,

**C:** we have not been pure of heart and mind and soul. We have not obeyed Your truth. We have not loved one another as we should. Forgive us for our futility, renew us by Your resurrection, and lead us back to the lives You want for us, on account of Jesus. Amen.

**L:** “The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” That Word of God tells us clearly that almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Let it be as you believe; in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen. We are purified because of the precious blood of Jesus.

## SHARING THE PEACE

**SONG OF PRAISE** “Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me” CityAlight

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: Let us pray.  
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant perpetual happiness and eternal joy to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**    *Acts 2:14a, 36–41*    (The Word cuts people to the heart.)

**EPISTLE**    *1 Peter 1:17–25*    (The Word of the Lord endures forever.)

**VERSE**    *Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

- L: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.
- C: **Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Luke 24:13–35*    (Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus.)

- L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth 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. 580**    “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

**The Gospel shows the Father’s grace,  
Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
That we might thus be justified.**

**It sets the Lamb before our eyes,  
Who made the atoning sacrifice,  
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed  
To come and find eternal rest.**

**It brings the Savior’s righteousness  
To robe our souls in royal dress;  
From all our guilt it brings release  
And gives the troubled conscience peace.**

**It is the pow’r of God to save  
From sin and Satan and the grave;  
It works the faith, which firmly clings  
To all the treasures which it brings.**

**It bears to all the tidings glad  
And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
The weary, burdened souls it cheers  
And banishes their guilty fears.**

**May we in faith its message learn  
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess  
And praise the Lord our Righteousness.**

**SERMON**    “Hearts Cut, Burning, and Purified”    Pastor Vern

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

**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.

## OFFERING

## 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*

**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.

### HYMN No 477 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Death at last has met defeat:

**See the ancient pow'rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the triune Majesty!**

## **SENDING**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God!

