

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 am.

Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor (Vacation)
Guest Pastor, Perry Schefelker
Cheryl Vohlken, Organist
Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 am.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving today in Word and Sacrament is Pastor Perry Schefelker.



INVOCATION *(Please remain seated.)*

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

Spirit.

OPENING SENTENCES

Colossians 3:16; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 4:11–13a

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

L: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

C: **Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.**

L: Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

C: **And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, confident that He will hear and forgive us for Jesus' sake.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have not always been proud to bear Your name. At times, we crumble in the face of the troubles that come our way. We allow worries and anxieties to crowd out Your caring presence. Keep us in Your name, which You have given us in Baptism, and forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake.**

P: [Shares God's forgiveness.]

C: **Alleluia! Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the Highest" (LSB p. 204) *(Remain standing, if able to do so.)*

To God on high be glory,
And peace to all the earth
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father
Your holy name, we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten
The Father's Son, we pray
O Lamb of God, our Savior
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever be
Be worshiped and adored
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray.
O King of glory, Lord of Your Church, You suffered on the cross and defeated death and the devil for us.
- C: **Make us one as You and the Father are one. Unite us with You and as Your Body, the Church, in suffering and celebration, that the world may be drawn to You and the power of the resurrection;**
- P: for You are risen and reign eternally with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.** (*Please be seated.*)

FIRST READING *Acts 1:12–26* (The Apostles find a replacement for Judas.)

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

VERSE *Adapted 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.**
- P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
C: **He has put all things under His feet.** (*Please rise for the Gospel Reading.*)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 17:1–11* (Jesus prays for Himself and us.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Please be seated.*)

HYMN LSB #770 - “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

EPISTLE *1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

(Jesus suffered. As people connected to Jesus, we can expect to suffer also.)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good...

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON “Suffering as a Christian,” 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

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. *(Please be seated.)*

OFFERING LSB 783 – “Take My Life and Let it Be” (vs. 6)
(Sung as the offering is brought forward.)

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee

OFFERING PRAYER (After offering is brought forward)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS

P: After you have suffered a little while,

C: the God of all grace...will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

P: To Him be the dominion forever and ever.

C: Amen.

✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠

PREFACE (Please rise.)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Lord of heaven and earth, in Your mercy for fallen humanity, You sent Your Son, knowing He would be betrayed, suffer, and die for the sins of the world before rising to life again, so that all who believe in Him will not be separated from You but will live with You forever. We thank You for this feast of forgiveness You have set before us today through Jesus Christ. Send Your Spirit to us so that, as Jesus comes to us in His Holy Supper, we may receive Him with a living faith; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom 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.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

C: **And also with you.**

P: Come to the Lord's Table for all things are now ready.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI) (*p.210 in hymnal*) (After be seated.)

DISTRIBUTION LSB #492 - "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"
LSB #718 - "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.
We thank You, Father, for blessing us with the gift of Your grace as it comes to us through the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Strengthen us in living our baptismal faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE LORD (Please rise for the blessing and the closing song.)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: The almighty God—Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit—
bless you, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG "Whom Shall I Fear" (God of Angel Armies) (Video)

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God!**