

# Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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**Pentecost 2**

**June 11, 2023**

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS



**HYMN No. 915** “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

## INVOCATION

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the  $\times$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** **Amen.** (Please rise, if able to do so.)

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 149:1–2, 4, 9b*

**P** Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
**C:** **His praise in the assembly of the believers!**

**P:** Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
**C** **let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

**P:** For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;  
**C:** **He adorns the humble with salvation. Praise the LORD!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.  
**C:** **Merciful Father, we confess our sinfulness. We are not worthy for You to come among us. We are sinful from our birth and since that time have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Our actions have brought injury to others. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins. Give us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to change our sinful lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and in hope to the glory of Your holy name.**

**P:** (Pastor announces words of forgiveness from Jesus.) “...As you believe, so may it be.”  
**C:** **Amen.**

**SHARING THE PEACE** (Please be seated afterwards, if standing.)

**VBS SONG OF PRAISE** (video – “**Light of the World**” from Stellar VBS)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.  
Almighty and most merciful God...through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C:** **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Hosea 5:15–6:6*  
(The Lord desires that His people show mercy.)

I will return again to my place,  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,  
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.  
After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.  
Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
his going out is sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.  
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.  
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**     *Romans 4:13–25*     (An account of the faith of Abraham)

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN No. 688**     “Come, Follow Me...”

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mt. 9:9–13* (Jesus calls Matthew as a disciple.) (Please rise.)

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”  
(Please be seated.)

**SERMON:** “Calling Sinners Out of This World,” Matthew 9:9-13

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**     APOSTLES’ CREED (Please rise.)

**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. (Please be seated.)

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS**

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

### **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** (Please rise.)

P: 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

**C:** Amen.

### **HYMN No. Hymn 817 Earth and All Stars**

Earth and all stars!  
Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Oh, victory!  
Loud shouting army!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Refrain:  
He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Knowledge and truth!  
Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Daughter and son!  
Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Children of God,  
Dying and rising,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Heaven and earth,  
Hosts everlasting,  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

## **SENDING**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Farewell:** for Matt & Tami Martin