

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor
Cheryl Vohlken, Organist
Sunday School in recess for the summer

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT SUNDAY – Celebration of Independence Day a little early (July 2). Pastor Vern is planning a sweet surprise so don't miss out!!
- TEMPS ARE RISING – We are expecting 3-digit temps this week so be safe, keep hydrated and don't stay outside for long periods.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 91*

L: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
C: **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."**

L: For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
C: **He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings
you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

L: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
C: **With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation."**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Matthew 10:23; 11:28; 16:24; 25:34; Revelation 22:20

L: We come before our Lord in confession, even as Jesus invites us to come to Him. "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
C: **Gracious Lord, we confess we have not always sought rest for ourselves nor our burdened souls in You, instead seeking refuge in the temporary things of this world. Forgive us.**

L: Jesus says, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."
C: **Lord, we confess we have not come nor followed as You desire, nor denied ourselves, instead at times denying the cross and faith You have graciously given. Forgive us.**

L: In a parable, Jesus says, "Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."
C: **Lord, we confess we have not always been mindful of Your eternal kingdom, instead focusing on the things of this world. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

L: Jesus speaks of the day when the "Son of Man comes." Until that day, as we come before Him in our sin and our shame and with our struggles in this world, He comes to us out of unconditional love with mercy and grace. Remembering that "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23), I pronounce the Word of Grace Christ has commanded me to proclaim; Our sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

“Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”
Maranatha Music

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, our refuge and our strength and ever-present hope in times of need, grant Your abiding presence as we walk through this wayward world that, as You come to us still today, we walk in faith following You until the Last Day when the Son of Man comes and makes all things new; 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 READING *Jeremiah 20:7–13* (Jeremiah’s complaint and God’s assurance)

EPISTLE *Romans 6:12–23* (Alive in Christ)

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Psalms 145:3, 5b, 6b; Matthew 10:32*

- L: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
C: **and His greatness is unsearchable.**
- L: On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,
C: **and I will declare Your greatness.**
- L: Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges Me before men,
I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven.
C: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:5a, 21–33* (Warnings and promises as Jesus sends out the Twelve)

- L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth 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. 779 “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

**Come, my soul, with ev’ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.**

**Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow’r are such None can ever ask too much.**

**With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.**

**Lord, Thy rest to me impart, Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.**

**While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey’s end.**

**Show me what is mine to do; Ev’ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people’s death.**

SERMON “Who is Yanking Your Chain? Romans 6:12-23 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

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

Response at the end of each petition:

L: In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

(Final Petition)

L: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:

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.**

CLOSING SENTENCES *Revelation 22:12–13; 17; 20–21*

L: “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

C: **The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.**

L: He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

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

BLESSING OF THE LORD

Numbers 6:24–26

HYMN No. 821

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

(vss. 1 & 5)

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”**

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SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God!