

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School in recess for the Summer.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 09, 2023

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION *Romans 7:15*

P: With the apostle Paul today we admit, "I do not understand my own actions."
C: **For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."**

P: At the invitation of God our Savior, let us bring our weariness and burdens to Him, that His forgiveness may rescue us and restore to us the joy of His salvation.
C: **For if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and cannot free ourselves. Daily our sins of thought, word, and deed offend You and our neighbor, and cause us grief. For we know that our weak attempts to strive for holiness leave us far short of Your glory. How will we find rest for our souls when our striving leads to despair? Yet Jesus speaks to us words of rest in our weariness and has drawn us to Your mercy. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we come at His invitation seeking the true rest of the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION *Matthew 11:28*

P: Jesus says to all "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Having humbly approached our heavenly Father through Jesus, who gave His life so that we might live as His redeemed and forgiven people, He commands and authorizes me to pronounce to you, His promised grace. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE "Good and Gracious King" CityAlight

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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 *Zechariah 9:9–12*
(The coming of Zion's King)

EPISTLE *Romans 7:14–25a* (Release from the law of sin)

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 11:28*

L: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

L: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C: **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

L: Alleluia. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

C: **and I will give you rest. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 11:25–30* (Rest for the weary)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN No. 684 “Come unto Me, Ye Weary”

“Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest.”
O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.

“Come unto Me, ye wand’rers, And I will give you light.”
O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.

“Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life”
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.

“And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”
O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,
Which though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

SERMON “Come unto to Me” Matthew 11:25-30 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

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.**

BLESSING OF THE LORD

Numbers 6:24–26

HYMN No. 353 “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

**Jesus came, the heav’ns adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.**

**Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.**

**Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiv’n;
Jesus comes with words of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to heav’n.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hope to all the world is giv’n.**

**Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate’er befalls us,
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comforts us in failing years.**

SENDING

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

C: thanks be to God.

