

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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Bible Class & Sunday School in recess for summer

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 42:1,2,11,

L: As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

C: **My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.**

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?

C: **Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 John 1:8–9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But 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: **We confess, gracious God, that we groan not only because of sin in the world, but our failure to trust You for all that we need. We have not waited patiently; we have demanded reasons from You; we have sought to excuse ourselves. Yet You have given us the Spirit, who intercedes for us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to hope not in ourselves but in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: The promises of God are sure; one day all of creation will be set free from corruption. Our sins were taken to the cross of Christ, where we were redeemed as God's beloved children. While we endure the light and momentary afflictions of this life, let us wait patiently in hope for the promised day of salvation when we will be forever in the presence of the Lord.

C: **What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.**

P: Because of your confession and the great mercy of our God, He has commanded the good news of His forgiveness to be proclaimed. Rejoice in the Lord, your sins are forgiven; in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now let the light of God's forgiveness fill You with all goodness, righteousness and peace;

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE "I'll Praise You in This Storm" Casting Crowns

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, who has ordered all things for our good,

C: grant us faithfulness and patience as we endure the evil around us, until we rejoice at Christ's coming at the end of time;

P: 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 *Isaiah 44:6–8* (No one compares to God.)

EPISTLE *Romans 8:18–28*

(The Holy Spirit intercedes as we wait for the end of this troubled world.)

VERSE *Psalm 119:81,88*

L: Alleluia! My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.

**C: In your steadfast love give me life,
that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

(The parable of the wheat and weeds)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth 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. 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter. We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heave..
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head,
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

SERMON "The Greatest Turning Point in History" *Romans 8:18-28*

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. 702** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**My faith looks up to Thee,
 Thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior divine,
 Now hear me while I pray;
 Take all my guilt away;
 O let me from this day
 Be wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart
 Strength to my fainting heart;
 My zeal inspire!
 As Thou hast died for me,
 Oh, may my love to Thee
 Pure, warm and changeless be,
 A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread
 And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 Wipe sorrows' tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside.**

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

SENDING

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

