

# Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class in recess until Sept 10

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 30, 2023**

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### **HYMN No. 804**

“O Worship the King” (vss. 1,2,5,6)

**O worship the King, all glorious above.  
O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!**

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.**

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** God’s ways are unsearchable; all things and we ourselves belong to Him.  
**C:** **But we are not righteous, for we have done the evil He forbids. We are not upright in heart, for we have thought to save ourselves. We are not at peace, for we have led others astray in our thoughtless words. We cannot save ourselves. Forgive us and lead us in paths pleasing to You, gracious God.**

**P:** Although we are sinners, God still surrounds us with His protection, like the mountains around Jerusalem. He never rests in His seeking to guide our hands to do good. He has sent His Word to turn our thoughts back to His grace and mercy. His peace is made sure for us in the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In His gracious love, God declares us to be His good and righteous children. Rejoice in the Lord. We are His treasured possession and He has given His all so that we might live as His beloved children. Because of Christ our sins are forgiven and have been cast into the sea of forgetfulness, therefore, let us cling to Him in faith; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## SHARING THE PEACE

### SONG OF PRAISE

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

(In His steadfast love, God keeps His promises.)

## EPISTLE *Romans 8:28–39*

(All things work together for those who love God.)

## GRADUAL AND VERSE *Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 13:35b*

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

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

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

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

P: Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables;

C: **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia!**

## HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:44–52*

(The parables of the hidden treasure, pearl of great price, and catch of fish)

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.52**

## HYMN No. 651 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

**I love your kingdom, Lord,  
The place of Your abode;  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.**

**Beyond my highest joy  
I prize its heav'nly ways,  
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Its hymns of love and praise.**

**I love your Church, O God!  
Your saints in ev'ry land,  
Dear as the apple of Your eye  
And graven on Your hand.**

**For them my tears shall fall;  
For them my prayers ascend;  
For them my cares and toils be giv'n  
Till toils and cares shall end.**

**Sure as your truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield  
And brighter bliss of heav'n.**

## SERMON "The Kingdom of God is Like a Treasure!" Matthew 13:44-46

## CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

**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.

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray saying:

**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. 816 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

