

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Lector: Pastor Akoh Daniel Kofi
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Sunday School & Bible Class in recess until Sept 10

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

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 PSALM *Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a*
("Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.")

P: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

C: **Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

P: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

C: **before the gods I sing Your praise;**

P I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,

C: **for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.**

P: On the day I called, You answered me;

C: **my strength of soul You increased.**

P: All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD,

C: **for they have heard the words of Your mouth,**

P: and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

C: **for great is the glory of the LORD.**

P: For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,

C: **but the haughty He knows from afar.**

P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;

C: **You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.**

P: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

C: **Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

C: **Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 728; 761; 575/576*

(We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.)

P: How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

C: **Heavenly Father, Your Word tells us that we all have sinned and fall short of Your glory. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have lived shaky lives that falter when we do not stand firm in You.**

P: Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!

C: **Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us. You are the rock of ages in whom we find protection and deliverance.**

P: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand!

C: **Holy Spirit, enable us to trust the promises of Your Word, confident in the forgiveness of sins found in Christ Jesus, our solid rock. Amen.**

(Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of Sins)

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE “Yet Not I But through Christ in Me” CityAlight

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the rock upon whom our lives are built.

C: **Help us rest securely in Your promises and find strength in Your mighty deliverance;**

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 51:1–6*

(“Look to the rock from which you were hewn.”)

EPISTLE *Romans 11:33–12:8*

(Do not be conformed; be transformed.)

VERSE *Ephesians 2:19b–20*

P: Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints
and members of the household of God,

C: **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13–20* (“On this rock I will build My church.”)

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

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

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN No. 576 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives away,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

SERMON "Look to the Rock From Which You Were Hewn" Pastor Vern

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

RESPONSE: P: ... Lord, be our rock of refuge,
C: to which we can always go.

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 *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The Lord alone is our rock and our refuge, our fortress and our deliverer.
His blessing be upon us as we go forth in His name.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

HYMN No. 912 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

**Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace
And joys above.**

**Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore
Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away.**

**Oh, then, with hymns of praise Thee hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long,
That glorious name.**

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God!**