

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 am.

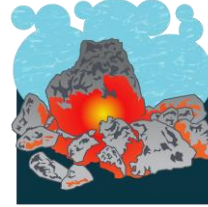
Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor
Lector: Pastor Akoh Daniel Kofi
Cheryl Vohlken, Organist
Sunday School & Bible Class – next Sunday 10:45 AM

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sun – Sunday School Begins!
Labor Day Monday - Be Safe! Grab an Ice Cream Sandwich or
Icee-pop at the end of the service. Have a GREAT Weekend!



INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

P: Delight yourself in the LORD,
C: **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

P: Commit your way to the LORD;
C: **trust in Him, and He will act.**

P: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
C: **and your justice as the noonday.**

P: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
C: **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!**

**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: Delight yourself in the LORD,
C: **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Jeremiah 15:20b*

P: Since we are gathered to delight ourselves in the Word of God and to assemble as one family around His Table, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins before our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

(We pause for a moment of silent prayer and confession.)

P: O Lord our God, hear us as we pray:

C: **We confess that we have not walked in Your faithfulness, turning away from You when we should be turning toward You.**

P: Father, forgive us.

C: **Our love has not been genuine. We have not overcome evil with good.**

P: Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus.

C: **The grace You tell us to share with both our friends and our enemies is the mercy we also need.**

P: Renew us, Spirit of truth.

C: **Remove our transgressions from us so that we may live as those who have been called by Your name, delighting in Your goodness to us in Christ. Amen.**

Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins.

SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray.
Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption.
- C: Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads.**
- P: Delighting in Your goodness to us, we ask for this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

✠ THE WORD OF THE LORD ✠

EPISTLE *Romans 12:9–21* ("Overcome evil with good.")

VERSE *Matthew 16:25*

- P: Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,
C: but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:21–28* (Losing life and finding it in Christ.)

- 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. 845 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

SERMON "Overcome Evil with Good" Romans 9:21 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;**

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and
sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom
will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

HYMN No. 457 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Hymns of praise then let us sing, **Al --- le – lu – ia!**
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, **Al --- le – lu – ia!**
Who endured the cross and grave, **Al --- le – lu – ia!**
Sinners to redeem and save, **Al --- le – lu – ia!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth!....

...Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and in the words He has taught us:

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

PEACE OF THE LORD (PAX DOMINI)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Come to the Lord's table for all things are now ready.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(video – "Give Me Jesus" Fernando Ortega)

LSB 631 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

CLOSING SENTENCES *Based on Romans 12:9–21*

P: Let your love be genuine.
Turn from what is evil and hold fast to what is good.

C: Let us see one another as brothers and sisters in Christ!

P: Delight yourself in the Lord even when life is difficult.
Hold fast to Jesus. Rejoice in Him!

C: Let us overcome evil with good as we go forth in Jesus' name.

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26*

HYMN No. 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!