

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor
Assisting: Pastor Akoh Daniel Kofi
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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 am

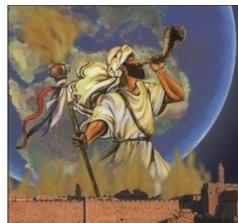
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee & Donuts after the service (10:30 AM)
Sunday School & Bible Class for ALL AGES (10:45 AM)

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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 65:1–4*

P: Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,
C: **and to You shall vows be performed.**

P: O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come.
C: **When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.**

P: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!
C: **We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Confessing that our thoughts and words and deeds are sinful and hurtful, let us turn to God, confident in the love that He has shown to us through His Son, Jesus our Lord, who died to pay the price of all our sins.

(time of reflection)

Lord our God,

C: **In our sin we have not heeded Your warnings of judgment. Our love for You is like a morning cloud, like the dew that evaporates early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from the day of wrath; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins.

P: Be of good cheer and assured, for God has promised that your sins are indeed forgiven. May the Holy Spirit abide with you as you live at peace.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE “Salvations Song” Stuart Townend

BIBLE PRESENTATION TO THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Jesus said, "These are the Scriptures that testify about Me. John 5:39

Peter said of Jesus in the Book of Acts chapter 4, verse 12: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
O God, from whom all good proceeds,
C: **grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7-9*
(Ezekiel warns the wicked.)

EPISTLE *Romans 13:1-10* (Paul reflects on the source of all authority)

VERSE *Matthew 5:3*

P: Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,
C: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:1-20*
(Dealing with responding to sin in our relationships)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth 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. 670 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs, Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
Thou bearer of the eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong, All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

(FINAL PETITION)

P: These things and whatsoever else we should have asked of You, grant us by Your mercy, O God,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying:

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 bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord smile upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN No. 503 "O Day, Full of Grace (vss.1,3,5)

O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.

For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,
When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone
That we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.

When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels His name adoring.

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God!**



Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices,
They shout joyfully together;
For they will see with their own eyes
When the LORD restores Zion.

(Isaiah 52:8)