

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 am.

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Assisting: Pastor Akoh Daniel Kofi
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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sep 29 (Fri) – Friendship Dinner – Get Your tickets TODAY!



INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 8*

P: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C: **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

P: Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds! . . .
C: **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”**

P: Come and see what God has done:
C: **He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.**

P: Bless our God, O peoples;
C: **let the sound of His praise be heard.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C: **O most gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have been unforgiving and loveless and careless in the stewardship of Your creation. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and guide us into renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

P: God is indeed gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 809 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
O God, You are always ready to hear the prayers of Your people. Grant that we may with all boldness and courage bring to You our petitions with the assurance that for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ You will hear them, forgiving our trespasses and granting us Your guidance in this life and every blessing in the life to come. This we ask through the same 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 *Genesis 50:15–21*
(Joseph and his brothers)

EPISTLE *Romans 14:1–12* (We belong to the Lord.)

VERSE *Matthew 6:14*

L: Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses,
C: **your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21–35*
(The parable of the servant who would not forgive)

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. 845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

SERMON “Forgiving from the Heart”

Matthew 18:21-35 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. 790 "Praise to the Lord" (vs. 5)

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, Come now with praise before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: **Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth! Our hearts delight in You! Your words give us joy, assuring us of the victory of the cross, where Your Son conquered both sin and death. Gathered in the name of Jesus, we remember Your steadfast love, new to us every morning! Bowing our heads and our hearts before You, we honor and praise You, O Lord, rejoicing in the goodness You now prepare our hearts to receive.**

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.

AGNUS DEI *(p. 163 in hymnal)*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS video – “Jesus Strong and Kind”
LSB 851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

POST-COMMUNION PRAISE LSB 789 (vs. 3)

Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

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

HYMN No. 643 “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”.

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**