

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor
Assisting: Pastor Akoh Daniel Kofi
Cheryl Vohlken, Organist
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee & Donuts after the service (10:30 AM)
Sunday School & Bible Class for ALL AGES (10:45 AM)
Sept. 29 – Friendship Dinner 6 PM (Gathering)
Tickets available in the Foyer.



INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 67:1–5, 7*

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us,
C: **that Your way may be known on earth,
Your saving power among all nations.**

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
C: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
C: **God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
(Moment of silent confession)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
C: **long-suffering and of great goodness: I confess to You, with my whole heart, my neglect
and forgetfulness of Your commandments, my wrong doing, thinking and speaking; the
hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone. O God, forgive me, for I have
sinned against You. Raise me up to newness of life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.**

P: God be gracious to us and strengthen our faith.
C: **Amen.**

P: As we have turned to the Lord and sought to leave our sinful ways and unrighteous thoughts
behind; He has had compassion on us and abundantly pardons us on account of Christ. Through
the ministry given to me by the command and authority of our Redeeming God, I am happy to
declare that all our sins have been forgiven on account of Christ; in the name of the Father and of
the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify us completely and may our lives reflect His
forgiveness. Be at peace!
C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

“Dear Jesus” W&M by Steven Gamble CCLI 691913

Dear Jesus, thou art everything to me,
And everything I owe I give to thee.
My wealth, my all, but most of all
Dear Lord, I give myself to thee.

Dear Jesus, thou hast bled & died for me,
And washed away my sins on Calvary.
You cleansed my soul; You made me whole
O Lord, I give myself to thee

Dear Jesus, thou hast lead me day by day
And set my will to follow all the way
To bear my cross, to suffer loss.
O Lord, I give myself to thee.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:6–9*
(The prophet encourages God's people.)

EPISTLE *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30* (Paul writes that to live is Christ.)

VERSE *Ephesians 2:8*

P: Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith.
C: **And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 20:1–16*
(The parable of the laborers in the vineyard.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth 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. 555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (vss. 1,6,7,10)

Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one redeemer.

Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.

Let me not doubt, but truly see

Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,,
And I shall never perish.

All blessing, honor, thanks and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

SERMON "Seek the Lord While He May be Found" Isaiah 55:6-9
Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

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: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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

Pastor: Let us speak the words of blessing from our gracious God.

Right Side: The LORD bless us and keep us.

Left Side: The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

Pastor: The LORD smile upon us all and + give us peace.

All: Amen.

HYMN No. 922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (vss. 1 & 4)

**Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing – You are My own.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

