

# Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor  
Lector: Pastor Daniel Akoh  
Cheryl Vohlken, Organist  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 15, 2023**

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS



**FALL FESTIVAL** – Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – begins at 3pm – Come Celebrate our Life in Christ with our church family and neighbors.

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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 146:2; Isaiah 61:10*

P: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
C: **my soul shall exult in my God,**  
P: for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
C: **He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.  
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins

P: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
C: **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

**SOLO**      "At the River"      Maggie Monaco

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.  
Merciful Father, in Your mercy You have visited us with Your Son that we might know the joy of His salvation. Grant that this joy we know in Christ may be with us in every circumstance and be fulfilled in us when we are delivered through death into everlasting life; 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 25:6–9 (On this mountain the Lord will make a feast for all peoples and will cast off the veil of death forever.)

**EPISTLE**      *Philippians 4:4–13*  
("Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.")

**VERSE**      *Revelation 22:17*

**L:** Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."  
Let the one who hears say, "Come."

**C:** **Let the one who is thirsty come;  
let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Matthew 22:1–14*      (Many are called; few are chosen.)

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second 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. 813**      "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

**SERMON**      "God's Invitation to a Life of JOY!" Matthew 22:1-14      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** "Schüler-Concert No. 2 in G Major, Op. 13 III. Allegretto moderato  
Charlie Monaco, violin

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

#### **PREFACE**

**P:** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

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

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

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

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SANCTUS** "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (LSB # 208)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored  
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing Hosanna in the highest, Sing hosanna to the Lord  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

#### **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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 PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**DISTRIBUTION** “His Mercy is More” (video)  
# 814 “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN No. 632** “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

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

**HYMN No. 803** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

### **SENDING**

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**