

# Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM

**Reformation Sunday (Observed)**

**October 29, 2023**

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Celebration of Reformation Sunday, It is not a time to of the church's theological disputes but to celebrate our the powers that enslave us and our Lord's invitation to live and and eternity!



rehash the history  
deliverance from  
abide in Him in time

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES John 15:5–9

P: Jesus says to us all: I am the vine; you are the branches.  
C: **Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.**

P: If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.  
C: **If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**

P: By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.  
C: As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Romans 3:23–24; 2 Corinthians 5:21

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
C: **and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**

P: God calls us to confess our sins. We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

*A time of silence.*

P: God, You formed us in the womb, and You shape our lives to love and honor You and our neighbors.  
C: **Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we pray for Your forgiveness.**

P: "For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." Therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE "Shine Jesus Shine"

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.  
Lord God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life for ours on the cross that we now stand righteous before You by faith. Grant us to abide in Jesus and in Him alone, that we may live now and forever in the peace of God, which surpasses human understanding, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**FIRST READING** *Revelation 14:6–7* (In a vision, John sees an angel who declares to all peoples and nations, “Fear God and give Him glory.”)

**EPISTLE** *Romans 3:19–28* (“We are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”)

**VERSE** John 16:33

P: Alleluia! I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.  
In the world you will have tribulation.

C: **But take heart; I have overcome the world.” Alleluia!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 8:31–36*  
(Jesus declares that to believe in Him is to be truly free.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth 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. 657** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**SERMON** “The Reality of Our Slaveries and the Sufficiency of Christ”  
John 8:31-36 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.**

**SANCTUS** TUNE: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (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.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: You, O Lord, freely give us what we could never attain for ourselves—a right relationship with You through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We thank You for giving us the body of Christ to eat and the blood of Christ to drink, Your gift of grace that forgives our sins and joins us together as the Body of Christ.

C: **For all this it is our duty and delight to thank and praise, serve and obey You. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;  
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**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.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father...

**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.**

## PAX DOMINI

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

C: **Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD** "AGNUS DEI" *(p. 180 LSB)*

**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, grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION**      “Knowing You Jesus (All I Once Held Dear)”  
547 LSB - “The Lamb” Gerry Coleman

(Gerry Coleman was a classmate of Pastor Vern, who recently passed away from complications with COPD and Covid. He was a disciple of Jesus, an exceptional church composer and musician and a faithful pastor. He will be missed in our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod family)

**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!**

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

**HYMN No. 506**      “Glory Be to God the Father”

**SENDING**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
C:      **Thanks be to God!**