

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 am

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations for the Thanksgiving Offering Three Options: 1) O'Fallon Food Pantry 2) Gift cards for needy church members and non-members 3) Money for Turkeys given to Unity Lutheran School, E. St. Louis. Due TODAY! See the baskets in the foyer.

Nov. 22 (Wed) Thanksgiving Eve Service (7PM)

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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 *Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10*

P: Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?

C: **Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?**

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and gloom with no brightness in it?

C: **Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;**

P: and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

C: **I will not look upon them.**

P: Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

C: **But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us
from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Almighty God, too often we settle for brokenness in our lives.**

Rather than offering forgiveness, we hold onto offense.

Rather than pursuing justice, we turn away.

Rather than offering mercy, we continue in judgment.

Gracious God, these are not the ways of your kingdom.

Make us hunger and thirst for righteousness that we might see our need for Jesus.

P: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need,
we are given grace to grow and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of
the gospel.

C: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE

“God of Justice Love and Mercy”

God of justice, love, and mercy
Pour your wisdom on our souls;
By your all-sustaining power
Keep our spirits strong and whole.
Lift our eyes to see your vision
Of a world in urgent need;
Grant us courage, then, to follow.
Bringing comfort with each deed.

God of justice, love, and mercy
With compassion let us care;
As we come in humble weakness,
May your strength be ours to share.
Press our hearts to know the struggle
Of the ones we cannot see;
Brothers, sisters, all who suffer,
May Your kindness set them free.

God of justice, love and mercy,
Send us out and make us bold.
As we strive for your high calling,
Let our hands your mercies hold.
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Gifts to share with those in need;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
Lord, You know that change starts with the heart; please open our hearts so that we may see people the way You see people -- that we may love people the way You love people. Help us to acknowledge wrongs, give us clear minds and hearts to decipher the truth behind injustice. May we look at every circumstance through Your lens Lord, a lens of truth, love, grace, and mercy.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:18–24*
(The day of the Lord and justice)

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18* (The coming of the Lord)

VERSE *Matthew 25:13*

P: Alleluia. Watch therefore,
C: **for you know neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1–13* (The parable of the ten virgins)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth 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"

Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

SERMON "Let Justice Roll Down Like a River" Amos 5:24

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: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught and enables 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.

CLOSING RESPONSE *Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13;*
Revelation 22:20–21

P: But let justice roll down like waters,
C: and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

P: And so we will always be with the Lord.
C: Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P: Watch therefore,
C: for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P: He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.
C: 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 look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C: Amen.

HYMN No. 525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns". (vss. 1,4,5)

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

