

## Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 am.

Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, Pastor  
Assisting: Pastor Akoh Daniel Kofi  
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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Youth (HS & JH) & Parents Mtg after Sunday School.

- Youth Group Nite - Tacos and Games (5:30 PM)

Nov. 22 (Wed) – Thanksgiving Eve Service (7:00 PM)

### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☐ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES *Zephaniah 1:7b; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Matthew 25:29a*

P: The LORD has prepared a sacrifice

C: and consecrated His guests.

P: Encourage one another

C: and build one another up.

P: To everyone who has will more be given,

C: and he will have an abundance.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9; Psalm 90:17*

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 in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins:  
(Moment of silent reflection)

P: The Lord has consecrated His guests,

C: but we have been more attentive to the things of this world. Forgive us Lord, and restore us, that Your favor may continue to shine upon us.

P: The Lord encourages us to build one another up,

C: but we have adapted to the darkness of this world and fear His coming like a thief in the night. Forgive us Lord, and restore us, that Your favor may continue to shine upon us.

P: The Lord give precious gifts and to everyone who has will more be given,

C: but we seldom recognize the abilities and opportunities our God has given us.

Forgive us Lord, and restore us, that Your favor may continue to shine upon us.

(Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins.)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zephaniah 1:7–16* (A day of wrath is coming.)

EPISTLE *1 Thess. 5:1–11* (Encourage one another to live in God’s light.)

VERSE *Matthew 25:29a*

P: Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given,

C: and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14–30*

(God gives talents, expecting them to be used for His purposes.)

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. 338 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev’ry nation, Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

SERMON “Encouragement for the Wait” *1 Thess. 5:1-11*

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. 821 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (vs. 1)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

## PRAYER

### 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.

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us in Your kingdom 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.

### LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)

LSB 180

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.

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

DISTRIBUTION "Jesus, Strong and Kind" (Video)  
LSB #783/4 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

### POST-COMMUNION No. 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" (vs. 5)

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray;  
O, keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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

HYMN No. 829     “Christ the Eternal Lord” (vss. 1,3,5)

Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.

Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won For ev’ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts we pray, To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.

Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven’s throne  
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!