

# Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 am

**Last Sunday of the Church Year**

**November 26, 2023**

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec 3 – First Sunday in Advent  
Dec 6, 13, 20 – Advent Midweek Services (7:00 PM)

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church calendar,

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 150

P: Praise the LORD!  
C: **Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!**

P: Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
C: **praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

P: Praise him with trumpet sound;  
C: **praise him with lute and harp!**

P: Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
C: **praise him with strings and pipe!**  
P: Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
C: **praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

P: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!  
C: **Praise the LORD!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Let us humbly and silently search our hearts to acknowledge our sinful state and what God in His mercy  
has promised to forgive through the death of His Son)

P: Lord of Compassion,  
C: **Almighty God, 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 to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

P: May almighty God, who sent His Son into the world to save sinners, brings us His pardon and  
peace, now and forever.  
C: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Loving Father, You have folded back the cover of the night to clothe us in the golden glory of the day.  
Chase from our hearts all gloomy thoughts, and make us glad in the brightness of hope, that we  
may effectively aspire to promised virtues; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C: Amen.

PSALM Psalm 95:1–7a;

L: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
Left side: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Right side: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;  
ALL: let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

L: For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
Left side: In His hand are the depths of the earth;  
Right side: the heights of the mountains are His also.

Left side: The sea is His, for He made it,  
Right side: and His hands formed the dry land.

L: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

ALL: For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture,  
and the sheep of His hand.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:20–28  
(Christ is the first to rise from death; death will be destroyed.)

[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24] Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27] For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28] When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all. (ESV)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Revelation 22:13

P: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,  
C: the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31–46  
(The Christian life involves loving the people around us.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.  
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

[31] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32] Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33] And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34] Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35] For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ [37] Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38] And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or

naked and clothe you? [39] And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40] And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

[41] "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42] For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' [45] Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **HYMN No. 796** "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

**When in our music God is glorified  
And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**

**How often, making music, we have found  
A new dimension in the world of sound  
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia**

**So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
Borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia**

**And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night  
When utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia**

**Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia**

### **SERMON** "O Come, Let us Sing to the Lord" Psalm 95 Pastor Vern

### **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

“Glorious Nature” Poem by Muriel Mayer

*Glorious Nature On this beautiful fall day in November, as I sit in my lounge chair looking out the window, I behold nature's glory at its finest. The tall sweetgum tree nearby is truly an array of orange, red, golden yellow, and a dab of green. The background is simply a cloudless sky offering a contrast of a striking “sky blue”. The artist has meticulously dabbed His brush into each color on the palette and filled the tree with fall's brilliance . God has truly blessed us with His best. The change of seasons reveals another of His great gifts to mankind. Stop! Pause! Admire! GIVE THANKS!*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Let us pray for people here and around the world who are destitute, fearful of God's wrath, shunned by society, unjustly accused, or dealing with issues of health.
- P: As You have promised, Lord our God, seek out, we pray, those who, devoid of basic necessities, face today without homes, with few possessions, and an uncertain future. For the sake of our Good Shepherd, lead them to the food, shelter, and security they desperately need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: With the Gospel in the hearts and on the lips of Christ's Church, heavenly Father, enable our brothers and sisters to answer the spiritual thirst of people here and around the world. Grant them faith that they may join us in singing praise to You, the rock of our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Many of the people we see each day are lonely strangers, gracious Lord; but their hopes and fears are known to You. Increase our faith, Lord Jesus, that we may reach out to them with the news of Your resurrection and the Kingdom You so graciously offer to all. Guide the Church wherever people gather around Your Word for nourishment and strength and bring forth the song of praise You deserve. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Shower Your blessings, O Holy Spirit, on all whose vocations work for the common good—those who till the soil and tend flocks; those who prepare and distribute food, clothing, and shelter; those who maintain peace at home and abroad; those who are first to respond in emergencies; and those who treat illnesses of all sorts. Guide them, Lord of all, to use the gifts You have given them, so that praise may resound to You, the Lord, our Maker. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Where people are forgotten, unjustly imprisoned, or oppressed in any way, O God, surround them with caring people intent on meeting their physical and spiritual needs. Use us to serve You and love them according to Your gracious plans for us all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Almighty God, you know that we are surrounded by many great dangers, and because of our human frailty, we cannot withstand them. Comfort those who are suffering today with ailments of body, mind or spirit. According to Your great compassion, grant healing or the strength to endure, to those on our prayer list, especially **Darla Kesting** (neuropathy), **Wayne Kemp**, **Laurie Tatge**, **Jean Miller**, and **Brandon Gass** (recovering from shoulder surgery). Give us health of mind and body so that we who suffer under sin may overcome and win the victory in you; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the gift of life. Hear our prayer for **Katie Hauptert**, **Jason Rust**, **Collin Jackson**, **Brandon Gass**, **Nicki Huff**, **Christopher Rust**, **Georgia Trefftz**, **Cheryl Krantz**, and **Ryan Moureau**, who recall this week the day of their birth and rejoice in Your gifts of life and love, family and friends. Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love, that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Look with kindness, O God, upon **Greg and Angie Conrad**, on the day of their anniversary this week. As You have sustained their union amid joys and struggles, renew their Marriage covenant each day. Increase their charity and strengthen them in the bond of peace, so that they may ever enjoy Your blessing; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

**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*

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. 794**        “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” (vss.1-2)

The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me  
Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield  
And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield  
New blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son,  
Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned  
With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith  
The highest heav'nly good.

**SENDING**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!