

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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DAY OF PENTECOST/ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

OPENING HYMN (video) “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

INVOCATION

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



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P: Let us then 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 upon 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.**
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

KYRIE *(Spoken by all)*

All: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
O God, on this day you once taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in communion with the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

ESSAY (*Written and read by Eric "Trey" Stake*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *Acts 2:1-21*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Sung. Please rise*)

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

(After the reading)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Please be seated.*)

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB #861, "Christ Be My Leader"*

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight, when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me, in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

SERMON "Who's Your Friend?" John 15:26-27 Rev. Tony Troup

CREED *The Nicene Creed. (Please rise.)*

OFFERING *(Please be seated for the offering.)*

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION: The Promise/ Pronouncement/ Blessing

(Parents and other family members are invited to come forward and stand behind Trey as he receives his individual blessing.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SELF-EXAMINATION

The Apostle Paul encourages us to examine ourselves in the light of God's law so that we may see our sin and recognize our need of a Savior. We take a moment to reflect on this need and then to ask ourselves the following questions:

1. Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
3. Do you believe Jesus died to atone for your sins?
4. Do you believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
5. Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

SANCTUS LSB P: 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not spare Your only Son but gave Him into death that we might have life. Though we cannot understand Your love or comprehend eternity, we lift our voices in thanksgiving and pray for You to strengthen us through this Sacrament to serve as Your witnesses.

C: **May everyone who hears and sees our daily living and our love for You and the people around us recognize the difference in our lives due to Jesus' victory over death and the grave.**

P: Gathered in Jesus' name, we pray that You would forgive, renew, and strengthen us. Gather us with all who are faithful so that together we may join the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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;
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.**

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God," LSB P. 163

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(Trey and his family will be the first to commune)*

(Video) "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

LSB 685 "Who Am I"

**Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter.
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.**

**Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heave..
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.**

**Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head,
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.**

**The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.**

**He blotted out with His own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made,
And all our debt He fully paid.**

**That this forever true shall be
He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here
We taste His love so sweet, so near.**

**His Word proclaims and we believe
That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said,
His very blood for sinners shed.**

**We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
"Given and shed for all your sins."**

**They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!**

**But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love abide
With all who here His grace obtain.**

**Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise," LSB P. 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell everyone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *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.** *(Please rise for our closing hymn.)*

CLOSING HYMN LSB #922, "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

**Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing – You are My own.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My Children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**