

**Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**OPENING HYMN** (video) “Only by Grace,” by Gerrit Gustafson

**Only by grace can we enter,  
Only by grace can we stand;  
Not by our human endeavor,  
But by the blood of the Lamb.**

**Into Your presence You call us,  
You call us to come;  
Into Your presence You draw us,  
And now by Your grace we come.  
Now by Your grace we come.**

**Lord, if You marked our transgressions, who could stand?  
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.  
(2x, then repeat from top)**

**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

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

Grant, Lord, that the course of this world may be so governed by your direction that your Church may rejoice in serving you in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT *Ezekiel 2:1-5*

And he said to me, \*Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.\* And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me,

“Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

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

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING *2 Corinthians 12:1-10*

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven\*whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.

And I know that this man was caught up into paradise\*whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows” and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses\* though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**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** *Mark 6:1-13*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, \*Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.\* And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff\*no bread, no bag, no money in their belts\* but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

*(After the reading)*

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

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.** *(Please be seated.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY No. 711** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.**

You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

**SERMON** 2 Cor. 12:1-10, "Paul's Vision and Thorn: It's a God Thing," Rev. Tony Troup

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

**ALL:**        **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 He 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.**

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

## **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*

**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.**

**P:**            It is good and right that we should at all times and all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

**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.  
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;  
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.**

## **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**

Video

LSB #621, "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.**

King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the power of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

#618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy table,

I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning,  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy Lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art:  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

### 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 No. #809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not:  
Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

Refrain:  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain



Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

## SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**