

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 29, 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME TO PRAISE

P: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom.

C: **He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**

P: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

C: **but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.**

P: They will soar on wings like eagles;

C: **They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

(Is. 40:28-31)



P: Gracious God, we admit that we often do grow tired of the challenges and disappointments of life that come our way. Help us to find strength and courage in You so that we might soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint. For we ask it in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 802 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life Thou givest to both great and small
In all life Thou livest, The true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changes Thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.**

A TIME TO CONFESS

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God's Word declares to us, "If anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself" (Gal. 6:3). Each of us is guilty of choosing our own way over God's way, our desires over His desires. We have sinned against God and He declares that whatever we sow, we shall also reap. So, deserving His judgment, let us confess our sins to God and seek His forgiveness in the name of Christ our Savior.

C: **Lord God, I stand before You today guilty of untold sins. Among my many offenses is the sin of seeking my will over Yours. Even though I have known of Your love for me in Christ, I have still rejected Your desire for my life and sought my own. I have sinned, and I cry to You for mercy and forgiveness. Please help me to follow Your will and empower me through Your Holy Spirit to accomplish all that You desire for my life.**

P: The Word of God is "more precious than gold, than much pure gold...sweeter than honey" (Ps. 19:10). The Good News that God shares with you today is that He has taken your sin away, nailed it to the cross, and given you forgiveness through His Son Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

A TIME TO SHARE GOD'S PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER

A TIME TO ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE TO LISTEN TO HIS WORD

INTROIT: Ps. 103:20-22

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

C: **Bless the LORD, O you His | angels,*
you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice | of His word!
Bless the LORD, | all His hosts,*
His ministers, who | do His will!**

P: Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His do- | minion.*
Bless the LORD, | O my soul!

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

A TIME TO PRAY

P: Our loving God, You know our weaknesses and failings. Give us grace to overcome them.

C: **Keep us from those things that harm us and guide us in the way of salvation and service;**

All: **Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

A TIME TO LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 11:16, 24-30 (The promise of God to send St. Michael the archangel to have charge over God's people)

Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, *Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.*

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, *Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, *Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,* to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, *Give us meat, that we may eat.* I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.*

Then the LORD said to Moses, *Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent.

Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, *Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.* And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, *My lord Moses, stop them.* But Moses said to him, *Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE James 5:13-20 ("Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come.")

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50 (Do not despise the little ones for their angels always see the face of the Father in heaven.) (*Please rise.*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

(The Gospel is read.)

John said to him, *Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.* But Jesus said, *Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I

say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

*Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, *where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.* For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

A TIME TO TALK TO THE CHILDREN – Children’s Talk “Change” Ed Brandmeyer

A TIME TO SING - SERMON HYMN No. 763 “When Peace Like a River”

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

Refrain:

**It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Refrain)**

**He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)**

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

A TIME TO GROW – SERMON “Being at Peace With One Another,” Mark 9:50
Pr. Perry Schefelker

A TIME TO PROFESS: APOSTLE’S CREED *(Please rise.)*

**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**

(After the creed, please be seated.)

A TIME TO GIVE & SING: OFFERING & OFFERTORY – “Let There Be Peace on Earth” Video
(Song by Vince Gill)

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
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A TIME TO PRAY – RESPONSES TO PRAYERS:

P: Lord, in Your peace,

C: hear our prayer.

Let us pray: Rescue Your people, O Lord, from their fears, and give them courage in times of danger, boldness to witness to Christ, and peace in their troubles. Lord, in Your peace, **hear our prayer.**

Guard and guide Your church, O Lord, established by the blood of Christ and kept by Your promise, that there may be ministers and teachers who speak Your name and teach Your Word; and, willing ears and hearts to receive this teaching. Lord, in Your peace, **hear our prayer.**

Confound and foil the purposes of evil in our world and give to those who lead us wisdom and discernment from Your Word and Spirit that they may govern according to Your will and for our best interests. Lord, in Your peace, **hear our prayer.**

Give aid and comfort to those troubled in any way; give healing to those who are sick and suffering, including those on our prayer page and in our hearts. Lord, in Your peace, **hear our prayer.**

Give Your peace that those who are grieving, including the family and friends of Kim Wilcox-Rice, a friend of Curtis Kuppler, who recently passed away; also, the family and friends of Art Sandeen, Marvin & Connie Schatz' daughter-in-law's father at Gainesville, Florida; give them all Your peace that they may not sorrow as people without hope but with the comfort of Your promise of eternal life in Jesus. Lord, in Your peace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those of our church family who have birthdays this week...We are grateful for all the good gifts you have given to their lives, especially the peace that comes from above; we ask that You continue to bless their lives with that peace through all the changing scenes of their lives. We also thank You for the marriages of:...who observe wedding anniversaries this week. As You have blessed them with the peace of family, friends, and faith, let them continue to enjoy those blessings in their lives for the year ahead. Lord, in Your peace, **hear our prayer.**

Rescue us from the days of our trouble, keep us in peace, and give us strength to endure to the day of Christ's coming, when at last we shall be one people before our one God, and the

enemies of Christ and of His people shall trouble us no more. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught His disciples to pray even as we pray now: **Our Father...**

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.

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.

A TIME TO DEPART - CLOSING HYMN No. 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
(Please rise.)

God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

**Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

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