

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20, 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN (Video) “I Love to Tell the Story” (vs 1, 3, 4)

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do. Chorus

Chorus

I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet,
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word. Chorus

I love to tell the story; For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. Chorus



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 we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

(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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sin. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

PSALM (Psalm 119:9-16, read by the liturgist)

How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
¹² Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!
¹³ With my lips I declare
all the rules^[a] of your mouth.
¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.
¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Ecclesiastes 5:10-20* (Solomon recognized that work without rest was useless and caused harm.)

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil*this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Hebrews 4:1-13* (Strive by faith to enter God's rest and do not become disobedient.)

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest,"" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way:" And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest.*

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:23-31* (Jesus warns about wealth and the difficulty a wealthy person has entering the kingdom of God.) (*Please stand.*)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God. "And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.*Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

(After the reading)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I with-hold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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

P: We pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs and the will of God.

Heavenly Father, we confess before You that just as Solomon pointed out, we get busy with life and struggle to rest.

C: **Help us on this day and always to find rest. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, You cast aside a generation of Your people and gave them no rest because of their disobedience.

C: By the aid of Your Holy Spirit, help us to seek to obey You rather than rebel against You. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, look upon us with Your compassion.

C: You know those among us who are sick, hurting physically, and who otherwise need Your healing hand.

P: We commend into Your care those who are sick, especially Eric Offermann, brother of Gwen Borsch and Connie Schatz. Restore them to health according to Your will.

C: Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for our land and those You have put in charge of overseeing our government at every level.

C: Grant Your Spirit to give them wisdom and guidance. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.

P: We lift those who struggle: the homeless, the orphans, the widowed, and those in poverty.

C: We bring them to Your throne of grace, asking that You provide help for them in their time of need. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.

P: We bring before You the needs of Your saints, whether here or elsewhere,

C: for Christian missionaries, for the persecuted, for those facing difficulty of any kind.

P: Look at them, whose names we may not know but You do, and others, whose names we do know but are not named and known to You.

C: Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those of our church family who have birthdays this week: Matt Lloyd, Justin Conrad, and Ginger Kieffer. 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 Jeff & Amber Bryce, Bob and Marsha Strohm and Jessica Schmidt and Andy Feary who observe their 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 mercy,

C: Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and that Your will shall be done; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

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 death 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 (Spoken)

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.

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Video

No. 641 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Refrain:

**You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.**

**As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam'ly Lord,
We follow and rejoice. Refrain**

**With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food. Refrain**

**Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ out-poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain**

**The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain**

**You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity. Refrain**

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: Let us pray. 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 live 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. 738 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

**Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
No cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and
Give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at
The plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and
Give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and
Give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and
Give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.**

THE SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**