

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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25th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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



OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 9:15*

P: I was glad when they said to me,
C: **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

P: Christ Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant,
C: **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 9:22, 26b*

P: Scripture says, “under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. . . . But Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Let us prepare to receive forgiveness and cleansing from God our Savior by confessing our need and repentance of our sin.
C: **Lord God, we come before You this day seeking Your mercy and grace for the forgiveness of our sins and the cleansing of our lives. We confess to You all our sins, both the wrong we have done as well as the love we have withheld and the good we have failed to do for others. Lord, have mercy on us.**

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ: I 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

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.**

INTROIT *Psalm 107:1–2, 41–42; antiphon: v. 8* (read by Liturgist)

P: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,
 for His wondrous works to the children of men!
 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
 for His steadfast love endures forever!
 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
 whom He has redeemed from trouble.
 He raises up the needy out of affliction
 and makes their families like flocks.
 The upright see it and are glad,
 and all wickedness shuts its mouth.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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for His wondrous works to the children of men!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, as from the very beginning of our rebellion You have promised salvation and eternal life to those who trust in Your Word, grant us the faith and trust in the deliverance and redemption given by the blood of Your Son's eternal sacrifice; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 17:8–16* (The widow of Zarephath)

Then the word of the LORD came to him, *Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.* So he arose and went to Zarephath.

And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, *Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.*

And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, *Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.* And she said, *As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.*

And Elijah said to her, *Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, *The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.**

And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Hebrews 9:24–28* (Christ, the sacrifice once for all)

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *2 Corinthians 8:9*

P: Alleluia, alleluia!

C: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

P: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

C: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 12:38–44* (The widow's offering)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

And in his teaching he said, *Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.*

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, *Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S TALK

Brett Arrasmith

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 514 "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

**The Bridegroom soon will call us,
"Come to the wedding feast."
May slumber not befall us
Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning
With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning,
May find an open door!**

**There shall we see in glory
Our dear Redeemer's face;
The long awaited story
Of heav'nly joy takes place:
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets' holy band;
Apostles, martyrs greet us
In that celestial land.**

**There God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav'nly gladness
And wipe away our tears.**

**In that fair home shall never
Be silent music's voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice,
While angel hosts are raising
With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising
The Giver of the feast.**

SERMON "Faith of Widows and Brides" *Mark 12:38–44 & 1 Kings 17:8–16*
Rev. David Pelsue

CREED Apostle's Creed (please stand)

**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 saying of the creed please be seated.)

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God, our confidence and hope of life everlasting, graciously hear our prayer for Your whole church everywhere in the world, especially for those who hold steadfast to Your Word and promises. Sustain all faithful pastors with Your grace that they may deliver Your Word of salvation to all. Keep all Your people in peace and unity of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Give all nations and especially our own country trustworthy leaders who look to You for Your guidance in all their ministrations. Make their purpose to provide justice, peace, and freedom to all whom they have been called to serve. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: As we all live out our lives in a world disfigured by sin, sickness, and death, give to all who call upon You for help in times of trouble, anxiety, or illness Your healing presence, [*especially* . . .]. Help all who attend to those in need with Your strength and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those of our church family who have birthdays this week: Kaitlyn Jackson, Christi Poteet, Liv Colvin & Tom Brecks. 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 Erik & Jayni Lintvedt and Gary and Melanie Williams 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: hear our prayer.

P: For all those who have faithfully served You in the past, the patriarchs and prophets, the evangelists and apostles, and all Your saints, we give You thanks. Though undeserving, grant us communion and fellowship with all those

in heaven whose victory we celebrate while still in our journey. Give us the faith and confidence to remain steadfast until we hear Your call to enter Your eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Graciously receive our prayers, O God. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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.

HYMN NO. 527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

**O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
All other names above:
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our Holy Lord and King.**

**O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought:
We worship Thee; we bless thee;
To Thee, O Christ we sing;
We praise Thee, we confess Thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.**

In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and pow'r divine;
Thy glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine,
We worship Thee; we bless Thee;
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee
Where perfect praises ring
And evermore confess Thee,
Our Savior and our King!

SENDING

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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