

## Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025

God's Truth: Easy and Powerful

### AS WE GATHER

“Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness” (1 we have now entered the forty-day pilgrimage of Lent, we climactic event of our Lord's earthly ministry, the one that frightened the first followers of Jesus and perhaps even The expectation of the establishment of the kingdom of Son of God, seated on a royal throne as ruler was witnessed their Rabbi, Master, and Lord taken captive, and executed on that Passover in Jerusalem.



Timothy 3:16). As approach the most confused and some to this day. God with Jesus, the demolished as they convicted, tortured,

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VIDEO** “Here I am to Worship”

### INVOCATION

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

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

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 124:8; Romans 10:13, 10*

**P:** Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C:** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**C:** **For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 91:9*

**P:** Let us draw near with a true heart with the assurance of Faith, confessing our sins to God our Father, that we may receive His forgiveness.

**C:** **O God, we believe Your Word is true. Our sin deserves Your judgment. But we also believe Your Word which promises Your mercy and forgiveness. We plead Your forgiveness, because of the suffering and sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that He was the sufficient price for our redemption. Thank You for that priceless gift of love!**

P: "Because you have made your confession of guilt, with faith in God's promise of forgiveness, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to you through Jesus Christ who forgives all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

**INTROIT** *Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

P: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

C: **With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.**

**All: 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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C: **I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.**

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land.

C: **Guide the people of Your church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come;**

P: 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 READING** *Deuteronomy 26:1–11* (Moses prepares Israel for entrance into the Promised Land.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Romans 10:8b–13* (The message of salvation to all)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Ephesians 6:11*

Reader:      Put on the whole armor of God,

**People:**      **that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Luke 4:1–13* (The temptation of Jesus)  
*(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.)*

P:      The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the

P:      This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:**      **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**CREED**      **Apostle's Creed**

**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**  
*(Please be seated.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY No 849**      "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.**

Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate,,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.

**SERMON** "Would You Take the Crown without the Cross?"  
Romans 13:14; Luke 4:3-12 Pastor Perry Schefelker

## **CHILDREN'S TALK and OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **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**

Pastor: 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.  
People: Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN No 718** “Jesus, Lead Thou On”

**Jesus lead Thou on Till our rest be won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow calm and fearless;  
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many a woe To our home we go.**

**When we seek relief From a long felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring;  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest be won;  
Heav’nly leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace as you serve our heavenly Father and His Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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