#### **Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 9, 2025

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN** Video "All Heaven Declares"

## **INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the 

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 118:24; 1 John 3:1; John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 16:14

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: See what kind of love the Father has given to us.

C: that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

P: Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

C: Let all that you do be done in love.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Colossians 1:13–14

P: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

C: and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P: Almighty God and Father,

C: we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the A Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# **SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

## **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; 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** Exodus 3:1–15 (The Lord announces His intention to deliver Israel from slavery and mobilizes Moses to bear His name.)

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17 (Amid confusion and calamity, Paul exhorts believers to cling to his faithful teaching and the hope of Christ.)

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup> And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Luke 20:38

P: Alleluia, alleluia!

C: He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him.

P: Alleluia, alleluia!

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 20:27–40 (Jesus silences the scribes and Sadducees by witnessing of the God of the living.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

## (The Gospel is read.)

There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup> and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup> And the second <sup>31</sup> and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup> Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

<sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup> for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." <sup>39</sup> Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup> For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON HYMN NO 798** "The God of Abraham Praise" (stanzas 1, 7-9)

The God of Abr'ham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest.

There dwells the Lord our king,
The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height
His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light
Forever reigns.

The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing, And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King! Who was and is the same And evermore shall be: Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"

The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high. "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry. Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays: All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

**SERMON** "I Have Seen!" Exodus 3: 1-15 Rev. Mark Wiesner

VIDEO El Shaddai – Michael Card

**CREED** The Apostle's Creed. (Please rise.)

ALL: 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

#### **OFFERING**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Great I AM, who spoke from the burning bush on Sinai's height, make Your people to know Your voice. Help us to hear Your clear and consistent Word, that we might love what You love and go where You lead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

- P: Great I AM, who heard the cries of Egypt's slaves, shower Your mercy on the downtrodden, especially victims of oppression and violence. Be their strength and support and bring them comfort and deliverance through the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Great I AM, who mobilized Moses to bear Your name as a witness to Your ancient people, provide such servants for Your people today. Call pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, teachers, and ministers of Your Word, provide for their training and care, and preserve them in their callings from failure, fear, and burnout. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Great I AM, who faced the Sadducees' interrogation about marriage, strengthen and support all Christian marriages. Supply them Your holy wisdom, defend them from evil attacks, and hold them in Your faithful hand, that they might trust they never walk alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Great I AM, who declared Yourself to be the God of the living, battle for our sakes the enemies of death, disease, and disability that threaten our earthly life. [*Bring Your healing and comfort to . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercv.

C: hear our prayer.

P: Great I AM, who revealed Your glory to the world through the Gospel, preserve us in the one true faith, established for every good work and word, that all who believe and belong to You would have the eternal comfort and good hope of grace that comes through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Father and Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 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)

## **SENDING**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

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