

## Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

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### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 8, 2026

### “A Renewed Family”

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We begin in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God is in the business of new.

C: New Heart.

P: New life

C: New You

P: The Gospel itself is all about new as it brings us many things.

C: A new beginning and new mission

P: A new family and new identity

C: A new heart and new youthfulness

P: Every day His mercies are made new!

C: This world is always changing

P: Yet God's faithfulness is constant and firm

C: In Christ all things are new



### OPENING HYMN “Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)” (Robbie Seay Band) – Video

### CONFESSON/ABSOLUTION

P: We have fractured God's design for family.

C: Instead of being Christ-centered places of love and grace,

P: The home is filled with broken forgiveness.

C: Cracked hope.

P: Pointed anger.

C: Frantic busyness.

P: Deafening Silence.

C: Home is designed to be the center of discipleship.

P: We have turned it into a self-centered passion of “Me, myself, and I.”

C: Family has become “all about me.”

P: Yet life in Jesus is “all about Christ.”

C: We are desperate for a new way – a better way.

P: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

*(You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)*

P: I have good news! God not only shows you a better way, He "IS" the way, truth, and life. No longer do you need to carry a burden of sin and guilt. God sends Jesus. All for you! Because of Jesus' death on the cross and rising from the grave, you are given new life. Forgiven life. Restored life. Whole life. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.

C: **"He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west."** (Ps 103:24) All things new. Amen.

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, from the start You place us in a family. In a fallen world, these families are far from perfect. Give us the courage and boldness to not conform to the patterns of this world, but foster Christ-centered homes that live and breathe faith, hope, and love. As the God of all things new, we pray Your Spirit would renew our families around You and Your life-giving Word. In Jesus' name,

C: Amen.

### ¤ WORD ¤

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING      Isaiah 43:14-21

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### EPISTLE READING      1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### HOLY GOSPEL      Matthew 5:13-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SERMON HYMN LSB 605      "Father Welcomes All His Children"

**Refrain:**

**Father welcomes all His children  
To His fami'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.**

Little children, come to Me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. Refrain

In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again. Refrain

Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God. Refrain

**SERMON**    "A Renewed Family" Isaiah 43:14-21    Pastor Nathan

**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**    "Cornerstone" (Aaron Shust) – Video

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**CLOSING HYMN LSB 861**      “Christ Be My Leader”

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight, when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me, in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

**SENDING**

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