

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW

2016—2017 Worship Calendar

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Presenting...

The Blessed Savior Lutheran Church 2016-2017 Worship Calendar

A Worship Calendar like this should not be taken for granted. It is a statement of freedom in the Christian church. Not everywhere can a Christian congregation announce and publish the schedule of its meetings with God. The Lord has given us this freedom and we are grateful to him. For this reason, we make the most out of this freedom. We not only publish the site, times and dates of our worship life: we add the specific Biblical text and theme for every sermon.

This is the “Year A” in the three-year Lectionary. This means that most of the Gospel readings for every divine service are from the Gospel according to Matthew. Years B and C bring us mainly Gospel readings from the Gospels of Mark and Luke, respectively. The readings from John make sporadic appearances on special occasions throughout the year.

All this is to serve better our members and to help build the faith of each person. I hope that you will use this Worship Calendar weekly and be informed on what is planned for each week.

Besides the worship schedule, you will also find several randomly selected mini-articles on various subjects relevant to our worship life. These little essays inform the believer and build churchmanship. This is especially important to the leaders of the local congregation. Churchmanship unites us to the greater picture – the *Una Sancta*. They are the response to the question: why do we do the things we do?

May the Lord bless your use of this Worship Calendar, and send us the Holy Spirit that each of us may grow in faith and show this faith in works of mercy that will result in proclaiming the Gospel to the whole world.

Your pastor,

Martinho Quirino Sander

- The Church Year -

*Like any family, the church also has special dates it observes.
The Church Year follows a logical course from the beginning of God's
promise of a Savior until the fully established Christian church on earth.*

The Church Year is divided into two halves, totaling six seasons. The first half of the Church year is called the festive half, because it focuses on all the things the dear Lord God has done and continues to do for us. The second half is called the non-festive half. It focuses on the life of the Christian. This half emphasizes the task of the Church: to proclaim the Word of God to all people in every land.

The seasons of the Church Year are as follows:

ADVENT is the four - week period before Christmas. During this season we are reminded of the 2nd coming of the Lord Jesus (Judgment Day) and of the importance of preparing our hearts for that day. It will be the most joyful day for the believers, but the most dreadful day for the unbelievers.

CHRISTMAS means "The Time Of Christ." Christians around the world celebrate with great joy the incarnation of the Son of God. Jesus Christ is born! Immanuel: God with us. The incarnation of the Lord Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Savior to save the world from sin and its wages: death.

EPIPHANY means "to show around." What does the Lord show around? He shows His Son who came to reveal God's love for the lost souls. Salvation is found in no one else. For this reason the Church must focus on its task to proclaim the Gospel now, while we have time.

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. The emphasis of this season is like that of Advent, the preparation of our hearts. We do this through the “disciplines of Lent”: introspection (self-examination of one’s life as a Christian), contrition (sorrow for one’s sins) and repentance (asking God for forgiveness). So, we are sorely made aware that our Lord Jesus Christ—the Lamb of God—was sacrificed for our sin.

EASTER is the most joyful season. Here the church celebrates the Resurrection of the dear Lord Jesus. His resurrection signals the full accomplishment of our salvation. Because Jesus rose from the dead, all who believe in Him as their Savior will rise also. During this joyful season, Christians greet each other not with the common “good morning,” but with a bold “THE LORD IS RISEN!” and the reply “HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!”

PENTECOST means 50th. The last great festival in the church year celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. At His Ascension, Jesus promised to send the disciples the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Teacher, the Paraclete (one who walks with us). On the 50th day after Jesus’ Resurrection the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples and enabled them to proclaim boldly the salvation Christ accomplished by dying for us and rising from the dead on the third day. The Day of Pentecost also introduces the longest season in the church year.

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

This season extends itself all the way from Pentecost Day to the end of the Church year. Its focus is on the life of a Christian and all God can accomplish when we live according to His will and humbly share our faith and God’s love with those around us. All Christians have received the Holy Spirit, who uses Holy Baptism and His Word to work faith in us. Therefore, like the disciples, we too are enabled and equipped to proclaim the Gospel—God’s love in Christ—for the salvation of the world!



Beginning Of A New Church Year

ADVENT



In the year of 374 Ambrose was consecrated Bishop of Milan, Italy. He thought that, just as we prepare ourselves with deep devotion and meditation before the crucifixion of Jesus, so we should also prepare our hearts for his incarnation. So started the observance of Advent. Ambrose started Advent five weeks before Christmas. The church in Rome decided on four weeks. Eventually, four weeks was the accepted period.

The word Advent is Latin for “at the coming,” or “just before the coming.” It refers to the coming of Jesus Christ. The church speaks of the “three comings” of Christ. **First, at his incarnation. Second, his constant coming to us in his Word and Sacraments. Third, his return in glory to judge the living and the dead.**

In our Advent season, let us then celebrate the first coming, while preparing the world by proclaiming the Gospel for the return of our dear Lord Jesus Christ!

NOVEMBER

- 27 First Sunday in Advent
“The End of All Wars” Isaiah 2:3-4
Isaiah points us to the time of Christ, an eternal Christmas. Then all wars shall cease. Peace will reign forever. People will seek to build each other up – and make tools out of war machines.
- 30 Midweek Advent 1

DECEMBER

- 1 & 4 Second Sunday in Advent
“Peace Shall Rule” Isaiah 11:6-9
All wars, conflicts, personal disagreements have their origin in the fall into sin by Adam and Eve. When the promised son of the woman establishes his kingdom, all traces of sin shall be erased forever. Until then, we proclaim love in His name.
- 7 Midweek Advent 2
- 8 & 11 Third Sunday in Advent
“Be Strong – Fear Not” Isaiah 35:3-4
Our message to the world is that in Christ we can bear any burden, overcome any hardship, meet any challenge. All this, because of our hope in the Lord’s salvation.
- 14 Midweek Advent 3
- 15 & 18 Fourth Sunday in Advent
“Come Immanuel” Isaiah 7:14
We celebrate the first coming of Christ, while preparing ourselves for the second coming. We also make a great effort to share the Good News with as many people as possible that they may receive the Lord with joy!



DECEMBER (cont'd)

18 Sunday School Christmas Service (4:00PM)

From early times in the Christian era, children have gone to the mountain tops to proclaim—like the shepherds—the birth of the Savior. Children are a most important part of our congregation! Today we will again tell the story of Jesus' birth through the mouths of these little scholars.

24 Christmas Eve (Services at 4:00PM, 6:00PM & 10:00PM)

"Our Savior Saves All!" Matthew 1:21

The name Jesus comes from the Hebrew word Ieshua, which means liberator. That is why today we rejoice and even frolic in His birth! We are free! We are saved! Rejoice, be glad, sing!

25 Christmas Day The Nativity of our Lord (Service at 10:00AM)

"Christ is Born Today" Isaiah 52:7

Rejoice, sing, be happy! All this celebrating today is very well justified: our Savior is born today. For this reason we publish peace, we bring good news and we publish that salvation is for all!

31 New Year's Eve (Service at 7:00PM)

"May God's Favor Rest on Us!" Psalm 90:17

Psalm 90 was written by Moses. Our lives are totally in God's hands. As we conclude the year we say: "You have been our dwelling place," and as we begin a new year, we pray that the favor of the Lord rest upon us!



THE UNA SANCTA

Every believer in Christ is a member of the Una Sancta. Una Sancta means “one holy” in Latin. This expression is used in all languages of the world and always denotes the group of believers in Christ of all ages and of all places. The Una Sancta is not divided into different groups. It is the body of Christ, which knows no divisions. It is a unit brought together by the Holy Spirit.

The Una Sancta, however, exist in two realms: the **Church Triumphant**, in heaven, and the **Church Militant**, on earth. While both await the resurrection of the body, the Church Triumphant lives on and cheers on the Church Militant. In Hebrews 12:1 we read: **“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses ...”** this cloud is formed by the individuals in the Church Triumphant. Every one of us has several who are already in God’s keeping until the day of the resurrection. We remember them and their example of living the Christian faith.

The Holy Spirit is the common ground for both realms and keeps them together in Christ, who is the head of the church. A beloved professor of mine once said that no Christian ever prays alone, because when one prays, the church in heaven and on earth prays with him or her!

JANUARY



1 First Sunday After Christmas (Service at 10:00AM)

“Peace is Available Here” Numbers 6:22-27

What more fitting promise from God could we ask for on the first day of the New Year! He gives us his blessings and promises to bless us. In this blessing God puts his name on us and gives us peace!

5 & 8 The Baptism of Our Lord

“Life Comes Through Baptism” Romans 6:5

The gift of eternal life is bestowed by grace – not by works – through Word and Sacrament. Babies have no understanding of the Word, so the Holy Spirit comes to them through Holy Baptism.

12 & 15 Second Sunday After Epiphany

“God Saves All through Us!” Isaiah 49:6

The Lord, from the very beginning, has endowed his church with his gifts. In every generation he appoints preachers, teachers and workers so that through the church, the world might know God. You and I: Appointed by God!

19 & 22 Third Sunday After Epiphany

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26 & 29 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

“Falsely Accused” Matthew 5:11, 12

In Jesus’ first public sermon, he spoke to the broken people of society: the lame, the blind, the sick. He uttered eight beatitudes, and then added a ninth: “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of things against you...your reward is in heaven.”

The Readings In Church

Have you ever wondered who picks the readings for every Sunday? There are always three readings, plus a Psalm. These are called Pericopes, literally meaning “readings around.” These are sections of the Bible read in every service.

We owe a thank you to people like John Chrysostom, Jerome, Augustine of Hippo, Constantine, Charlemagne, and several others. By the year 500 the basic Bible readings we hear in church were set. Over the years the church has used various systems of readings. At Blessed Savior we follow the “Three Year Series.” This originated in 1969 when the church yearned for a greater variety of texts on which to base sermons. Each year of the three year series brings a unique set of readings. Year A is called “The Year of Matthew,” Year B “The Year of Mark,” Year C “The Year of Luke.” John makes occasional appearances in all three years.



Would you like to learn more about the historically rich legacy of the church? Pastor Sander has loads of material on this!

FEBRUARY

2 & 5 The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

“A City on a Hill” Matthew 5:13-16

Our dear Lord Jesus reminds us of our Christian privilege to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Unless we do our part, many will not hear the Gospel. Let us each be a bright light on a hill that cannot be hidden!

9 & 12 The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

“God’s Gardeners” 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

People will tell you about their crops. They might say, “I grow corn” or “I grow strawberries.” It would be more accurate to say, “I planted and watered corn, etc.” God is the only one who gives growth to the church.

16 & 19 The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

“Building on the Rock” 1 Corinthians 3:10-13

We are God’s builders. We build lives as some build houses. We do not lay down a foundation because God himself provides one for us: Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages.

23 & 26 The Transfiguration of our Lord

“A Glimpse of Heaven” Matthew 17:1-4

Today our Lord shows us a little bit of life in heaven. He was radiant and Moses and Elijah appeared with him. Peter recognized them, even though Moses and Elijah had lived many centuries before him. This happened because in heaven all things are clear.

MARCH

1 Ash Wednesday (Services at 11:00AM & 6:30PM)

“God – Faith – You” Matthew 6:1

Today Lent begins. During this period of 40 days until Easter, many Christian churches offer special mid-week services as a special boost to faith – our relationship with God our Father. Jesus teaches us that it (faith) must be truthful!

The Significance of Lent

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday.

Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness of Judea Province, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness.

Lent is a season of penitence—a time to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them.



MARCH (cont'd)

2 & 5 First Sunday of Lent

"Resisting Temptations" Matthew 4: 4, 7, 10

Our dear Lord Jesus was tempted to sin on three fronts: his flesh, his political life, and his spiritual life. Have bread, have power, leave God, Satan said to him. Our Lord defended himself by quoting Scripture. We learn from him how to wield the weapon glorious!

8 Midweek Lent I *Guest Preacher: Reverend Dr. Harold Senkbeil*

9 & 12 Second Sunday of Lent

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15 Midweek Lent II *Guest Preacher: Rev. John Kelling*

16 & 19 Third Sunday Of Lent

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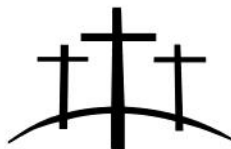
22 Midweek Lent III *Guest Preacher: Reverend Dr. Harold Senkbeil*

23 & 26 Fourth Sunday in Lent

"Let Light into your Heart" Ephesians 5:8-9

Most of our problems in life and suffering are caused by ourselves. It is the lack of life in the heart that causes us to make poor decisions. We let light into our heart by reading the Bible, Biblical devotions, by praying, and by living according to our faith.

29 Midweek Lent IV



MARCH (cont'd) & APRIL

30 & 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent

“The Dry Bone Army” Ezekiel 37:10

You and I are the dry bones of this episode narrated by Ezekiel. Unfortunately, we will not experience the power of God fully at work until the day of our resurrection. Until that day, we are content in seeing the effects of the Gospel in the lives of those with whom we share it.

5 Midweek Lent V



6 & 9 Palm Sunday

“The Humble Servant” Philippians 2:8-11

In all Scriptures for this Sunday we are taught about the work that Jesus did for us. We are also taught that those who humble themselves will be exalted. This Christ we see here is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

13 Maundy Thursday (Services at 11:00AM & 7:00PM)

“Jesus’ Legacy” Luke 22:19-20

On the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus left us a legacy: eternal life. In the Sacrament of his body and blood he imparts eternal life to all believers. This legacy if forever!

14 Good Friday (Services at 1:00PM & 7:00PM)

“It is Finished” John 19:30

He bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Our Lord had just finished the redemption of the world. Today, with quiet resignation we contemplate the love that brings us life.

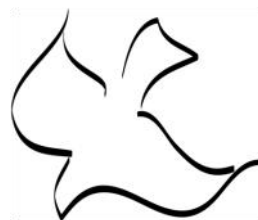
16 Easter Sunday (Services at 6:00AM, 8:00AM & 10:30AM)

“Jesus Lives!” John 20:6-8

The great stone placed over the entrance of Jesus’ tomb was rolled away by an angel for our benefit, that we might look in and see Jesus had risen from the dead. We rejoice and celebrate his resurrection because it signals our resurrection.

THE WORKS OF FAITH

A Christian congregation is not a social club. When we join a card club, a golf club or a tennis club, or any other type of social club for that matter, we ask: *what's in it for me?* But, when we join a church we say: *what can I bring to the table.* The difference: I decide to join a club, but the Holy Spirit guides me to join a church – which is God's family.



Just like in any family, or even, just like in any club, there are tasks that need to be done. Christians see these tasks not as something that will bring praise and a reward to them. Rather, the very work they offer is a thank you to God for all his blessings to them, and for enabling them to do things for the good of the whole church.

When people forget this, they run into the danger of feeling they are not getting enough recognition by fellow church members or the pastor. Then they become offended and leave the church. This happens, unfortunately, all too often. Service to God is evidence of faith, when it is offered to God, and not when it is done for another reason. So, we go on and **SERVE THE LORD** with gladness!

APRIL (cont'd)

20 & 23 Second Sunday of Easter

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27 & 30 Third Sunday of Easter

"Courage for Life" Luke 24:33-35

First, it was too dark to keep walking. Now they don't mind running back to Jerusalem in the middle of the night! That is the "courage effect" of the resurrection. You and I know that Jesus lives. Let us reflect this in our lives!

MAY

4 & 7 Confirmation Sunday

"Christians Don't Walk Alone" Acts 2:42

For three years the disciples learned from Jesus. For three years you came to Confirmation instruction. Now what? The disciples devoted themselves to teaching and to fellowship. How about you? No Christian ever walks alone. Every Christian belongs to the Una Sancta.

11 & 14 Fifth Sunday Of Easter

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Special Missions: What is this?

Interestingly enough, “Special Missions” is also called “The Third Bouquet.” Do you know why? Because we used to place one bouquet of flowers on the altar on Thursdays and two on Sundays. Some years ago we started, at the suggestion of a staff member, to put only one bouquet on the altar on Sundays, and the donation for the second one went to a special mission.

We decided to assign a different recipient for special missions every three months. We carefully select a local mission and a foreign mission, to insure a balance in our distributions. In the past nine years we raised and sent more than \$100,000 to various causes: A Place of Refuge, Dominican Republic, Seminary Students in Brazil, flood victims in various places, Doxology, Inc, support for local missionary Micah Wildauer, and the list goes on.



Curious fact: to pay for the flowers, most people donated \$30.00 exactly. To special missions, checks of several hundred, even thousands, are common. Way to go Blessed Savior missionaries!

MAY (cont'd)

18 & 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Jesus Lives—We Live" John 14:18

As part of his "farewell speech" in the upper room during the Last Supper, Jesus promised the disciples the Holy Spirit. This same promise is made to us. The Holy Spirit teaches us the truth, and the truth is this: Because Jesus lives we will live also.

25 & 28 Ascension of our Lord

"Witnesses Witness" Acts 8, 9

The Holy Spirit came on the disciples ten days after our Lord's Ascension. He told them that they would be his witnesses - and so they were! And so are we! Our task is quite simple: To witness Christ.

JUNE

1 & 4 Pentecost Sunday

"Must See: Before and After" Acts 2:4

The disciples must have extended the lease of that upper room in which they ate the Last Supper. They were still there fifty days after the Resurrection, ten days after the Ascension of our Lord. They were fearing for their lives. When the Holy Spirit came on them, they became brave!

8 & 11 Trinity Sunday

"We Make Disciples" Matthew 28:19-20

The last words Jesus spoke before his ascension were: "Go and make disciples of all nations" ... so we do! The task of the church is to teach the Word of God and baptize, making disciples of all nations.

15 & 18 Second Sunday After Pentecost

"Does God Have Tattoos?" Isaiah 49:16

"Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." This is what it says in the text. So, our names are engraved in God's hands. This is a way to assure us that the Lord will never forget us or abandon us! How comforting!

JUNE (cont'd)

22 & 25 Third Sunday After Pentecost

“Under God’s Wings” Psalm 91:4

One vivid childhood memory of mine is a moment in the chicken, ducks, and geese coral: a garden snake came through it and mama duck summoned all the little yellow ducklings to her. They all ran to the safety of her wings. So the Lord calls us to find safety under His wings.

JULY

29 & 2 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

“Law and Gospel in Church” Matthew 10:34

Most people mistakenly believe that there is no law in the church ... only love and no discipline. The church is known for its love and forgiveness, but law and discipline are also part of it. Let us walk in the ways of the Lord.

6 & 9 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

“Come Unto Me—Jesus” Matthew 11:28

Our Savior graciously invites us to come to him and give to him our burdens and troubles. This we must do sincerely, from the heart, truthfully. This we do, not because someone might be watching, but especially when we know no one is watching.

13 & 16 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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27 & 30 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

"The Charges are Dropped" Romans 8:33

Paul hammered away on the power of the Gospel. He reminds us that "in all things" God works for the good of those who love. On the other hand, he says that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.

AUGUST



3 & 6 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

"Saved by Grace. Simple" Romans 9:3

Paul anguishes over his kinsmen because they could not let go of their tradition to embrace Jesus Christ. They reject Jesus and so are not saved. All the great things God did for them were only means pointing to Christ. They, however, loved those means more than the message.

10 & 13 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Jesus in our Boat!" Matthew 14:31-33

Jesus did not only walk on water, but he also got into the disciples' boat. He also performs miracles in our life. He also gets into our boat, calms our fears, heals our ills and grants us peace.

17 & 20 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

"God Loves Everyone!" Isaiah 56:6-7

All three readings appointed for today teach that our God wants to save everyone! In Isaiah, he calls his temple a house of prayer for all peoples. In Romans, Paul addresses the Gentiles. In Matthew, our Lord heals a Canaanite woman, one not belonging to Israel.

AUGUST (cont'd)

24 & 27 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

"Diversity Pleases God" Romans 12:4-5

The church is the body of Christ, teaches the Apostle Paul. For that reason we each have our specific function. In church all are needed, all belong. All bring their gifts and contribute for the common good in proportion to their faith.

SEPTEMBER

31 & 3 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Verbs Designate Action" Romans 12:21

Dear Apostle Paul seems to be telling us: "Don't just sit there. Do Something!" He ends up his list of suggestions of what we ought to do by explaining that we overcome evil by doing good things.

7 & 10 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Our Christian Duty" Ezekiel 33:9

If we know someone is living in sin, we have a Christian duty to reprimand him or her. Sin blinds and often interferes with rational thinking. Our duty is to talk to the sinner, in love. "If someone is caught in sin, restore him gently," says Paul.

14 & 17 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Forgive as You are Forgiven" Matthew 18:32-34

In blessing and in tough times, we belong to the Lord. Each one of us has good days and bad days. As the Lord is full of mercy and compassion, so we ought to forgive those who sin against us and ask for forgiveness.

21 & 24 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"God's Ways-Our Ways " Philippians 1:12-14

If we could have kept Paul in freedom, we certainly would have done it. The Lord, however, knew that he would be more effective in prison. Through Isaiah the Lord states: "My Ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts, higher than yours!"

WELCOMING THE STRANGER IN OUR MIDST

“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing, some people have entertained angels. (Hebrews 13:2)

People may decide to go to the store, the stadium, the restaurant. That is their choice. But, when someone comes into a church, they come at the guiding and urging of the Holy Spirit. In other words, when a stranger comes into our church, this person was brought here at the Holy Spirit’s invitation. She or he is a guest of God himself, and we ought to treat them with utter respect and friendliness.

Because we have three weekly services, it happens, from time to time, that we might welcome an active member to our church as if they were a visitor. But that ought not to deter us in being friendly to all who walk through the doors!

Remember: **to be a door keeper in God’s house is better than to live in the tent of the wicked**, says the Psalmist! Psalm 84:10.



OCTOBER



28 & 1 LWML Sunday
10/1 *Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. J. Wohlrabe*

5 & 8 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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12 & 15 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
"The Lord's Banquet Menu" Isaiah 25:6
Aged wine and the finest of meats are on the menu for the banquet the Lord will give on the last day. On that day there will be much celebration because death will be no more.

19 & 22 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
"Paying Taxes" Matthew 22:19-21
The Pharisees, an influential political party in Jerusalem, wanted to indict Jesus by setting him up against Caesar. But Jesus told them to give to Caesar his dues, and to give themselves to God!

26 & 29 Reformation
"Accepting Salvation by Grace" Romans 3:28
The hardest part for a Christian is to accept salvation by grace. That is very different to understand. We want to pay for what we get. But, in fact, nothing that we can produce is acceptable to God. The just shall live by faith. Lord, help us to believe this!





THERE IS BUT ONE
LORD
Jesus Christ...

1 CORINTHIANS 8:6, NIV

NOVEMBER

2 & 5 All Saints Day

“A Throng Arrayed in White” Revelation 7:9-10

Jesus reveals to us this glimpse of life in heaven. This will be our life after the resurrection of all flesh. Meanwhile we suffer and endure pain and attacks of all kinds. Heaven is guaranteed.

9 & 12 Twenty - Third Sunday After Pentecost

“Judgement Day is Real” Amos 5:18-19

For those who reject the Lord Jesus as their Savior, there will be no escape on Judgement Day. Amos describes this “no escape” scene: a man is running from a lion, then meets a bear, he runs into his house and is bitten by a serpent. Let us show Jesus to the world!

16 & 19 Twenty - Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

“The Gospel is for You” I Thessalonians

The end of the church year is one week away. But, we do not know when the time of grace will end, The Lord warns us to be ready, for it will come without warning. So, we keep encouraging each other, proclaiming the Gospel to all.

23 & 24 Thanksgiving Eve (Service at 7:00PM) &
Thanksgiving Day (Service at 9:00AM)

“Thank the Lord for America” Deuteronomy 8:10

There are many great and powerful nations in the world, but none is as blessed as America. Moses urges us to appreciate the gift of our homeland and to thank the Lord God Almighty for it!

26 The Last Sunday in the Church Year

“Let Us Sing to the Lord” Psalm 95:1-7

At the end of a church year in which the Lord gave us his gifts in this place called Blessed Savior every week, our only response is to sing for joy and gratefulness. Dear Lord God, thank you, in Jesus' name.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

THE CHURCH FATHERS

The Church Fathers – Just as any nation has its founding fathers, so the church also has its founding fathers. The Fathers of the Church are generally recognized teachers of the Christian faith that carried the torch of the Gospel from the apostolic times (70 A.D.) to the times of open conflict in the Christian church in Rome (West) and Constantinople (East) which ultimately led to the great schism (split) in the Christian church (1054).

This little article is designed to draw your attention to the existence of these men who defended the church – many at the cost of their life – in order to hand down to us the precious Gospel that brings forgiveness, life and salvation to all.



Their example moves us to accomplish the task of the church with great zeal and without regard to effort. We will do whatever it takes to proclaim the Gospel in every land, in every language, to every child, woman or man on earth. We may not accomplish this in our lifetime, but let us not grow weary in doing good.

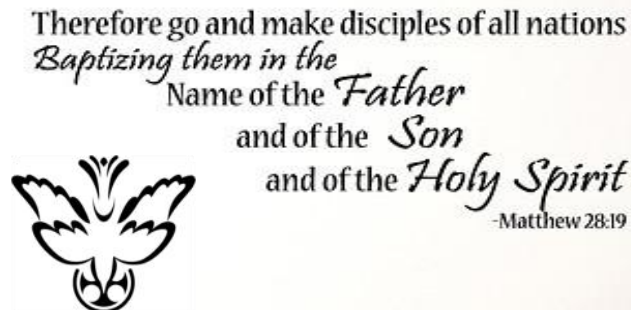
Here are the names of some Church Fathers: Ignatius, Polycarp, Papias, Ambrose, Justin Martyr, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Clement of Alexandria, Lawrence of Rome, to name a few. You may read their biographical sketches on the Internet! Some are heroic, some are sad, others are fascinating. They are all our brothers in the Christian church. Enjoy!

About the Cover...

The four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are narratives of Jesus' three - year ministry on earth. Each has a specific purpose. The ancient church used symbols to identify each of the Gospel writers.

Matthew is a man with a pen. He was the accountant. Mark is symbolized by a lion because he starts with "a voice of one calling in the desert." Luke brings us the account of Jesus' presentation in the temple, hence, a bull for the sacrifice was the symbol attributed to him. John is not a chronological account of Jesus' life. He interprets what Jesus' incarnation means to us. He is represented by an eagle that flies high with lofty thoughts.

This year the Gospel readings are from Matthew.



**This Worship Calendar lists all
scheduled Worship Services for**

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church



Worship Services are held:

Sunday Mornings at 8:00AM and 10:30AM

(June, July and August: 8:00AM and 9:30AM)

Thursday evenings at 7:00PM

**Mid-Week Advent and Lent Services
on the Wednesdays of those seasons at
11:00AM and 6:30PM**

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