

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 2018

An outline of today's sermon

"THE NOBLE TASK: TEACHING THE FAITH"

Text: Daniel 12:3 "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of heaven, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."

INTRODUCTION – Our righteousness comes through faith. To lead someone to righteousness means to teach them the Christian faith. There is no nobler task given to us humans than to teach the Christian faith. Lutheran School Teachers are at the top of my list of favorites, but not because I am the son of one and married one. It is because they teach the faith. They lead many to righteousness.

- 1 – The task of the church is to teach the Gospel.
- 2 – The church accomplishes this in various ways.
- 3 – Individually – each family teaches its members.
- 4 – Collectively – every congregation.
- 5 – Christian schools as incubators of faith.
- 6 – Faith is essential here on earth.
- 7 – Protection against persecution, war famine and earthquakes!

CONCLUSION – God's people endure significant hardship. God intervenes providing protection (Archangel Michael), a sacrifice (His Son Jesus) and courage to face all trials. We draw such comfort from the Lord's abiding presence as we prepare for Judgment Day, when we will all appear before God's throne. We thank God for all who teach the Christian faith. It guides us to heaven.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Crucified and Risen Body of Christ Jesus Is the True Temple of God

Despite its “wonderful stones” and “great buildings,” the Jerusalem temple would be torn down, with not one stone left upon another, just as this present world and its kingdoms will come to an end (Mark 13:1–8). But that temple pointed beyond itself to Christ, to His sacrifice upon the cross and to the resurrection of His body as the true Temple of God. In the midst of sin and death, by the proclamation of the Gospel, He now gathers disciples into His body, wherein “*the one who endures to the end will be saved*” (Mark 13:10–13). For He is “*a great priest over the house of God,*” who “*will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.*” By the pure water of His Baptism, they “*draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,*” and by His flesh and blood, they enter the Holy of Holies (Heb. 10:17–22). Thus are His people delivered, “*everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.*” For by the wisdom of His Gospel, He turns “*many to righteousness,*” so that “*many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake*” to everlasting life (Dan. 12:1–3).

SERVICE AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

THANKSGIVING SERVICES Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00PM or our Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, November 22 at 9:00AM. *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4*

ADVENT SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIP Our midweek Advent services will be held on December 5, 12, and 19. The wonderful extra services also provide extra fellowship opportunities with light meals. Please consider signing up for soup or for kitchen help. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will take a look at the first three centuries of Christianity. What happened after Jesus ascended into heaven? Who led the Church? Come and join us at 9:15AM in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is led by Pastor Sander at 6:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Any early risers are welcome!

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY meets every Tuesday at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall and is focusing on the book “Altogether Beautiful-A Study of Song of Songs”. All ladies are welcome to join us! If you have small children at home, you are more than welcome to bring them along!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY You are welcome to join the Wednesday night Bible study at 7:00PM in Oswald Hall. This class, called “Just Words”, is led by Duane Graf.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Pastor Sander leads this Bible Study on the *Old Testament* at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall, currently studying the book of *Psalms*. Everyone is welcome.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

OUR SPECIAL MISSIONS for the fourth quarter will be ministry to the deaf. Our South Wisconsin District has only two pastors that minister to the deaf: Pastors John Reinke and Bud Palmer. They struggle mightily, but always overcome. Our support for their work is very important!

CRAM THE CUBBIES FOOD DRIVE Our preschool and Sunday School students are participating in a “Cram The Cubbies” Food Drive. Our lower level has quite the cubby space and we are collecting non-perishable food items during the months of November and December to stuff the cubbies. The food that is collected will be donated to the Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry. Last year we were able to donate almost 2,000 pounds of food. If you would like to help out this cause please bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the box in the narthex!

LWML SHOE DRIVE Please donate new and used shoes to change lives in Africa. All sizes and types are accepted. Soles for Jesus Shoe Drive will take place through December 2nd. Look for the collection bin in the Narthex. (It costs \$2 per pair to ship the shoes. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Donations can be placed in the special offering envelopes found in the pews. Please mark the envelope: Shoe Drive).

TOO MUCH CANDY? If you have an abundance of Halloween candy, the military mission can help! Kindly donate your treats to the military bin. Your donations will be shipped to the USO. Our service members always appreciate these goodies!

WARMING TREE The former mitten tree will be up in the Narthex the Sunday after Thanksgiving. All types of new or gently used, clean warm clothing are needed: boots or sturdy shoes, coats, jackets, heavy socks, sweaters, warm undergarments and blankets, as well as mittens, scarves, hats and gloves. Infant to adult sizes are needed. As you bring out your winter clothing, if you find any of these items you no longer use, remember they will be greatly appreciated by others.

CHURCH INFORMATION

KRINGLE SALES It's time for your yearly dose of tasty treats! The youth will be sitting at the table in the hallway, selling Racine Kringles, cookie dough, pizza, coffee and more! Everything will be delivered on Monday, December 17 (just in time for Christmas!), so stop by throughout the month of November to order your goodies!

SAVE THE DATE: BETHLEHEM BOUND Travel back in time with us to celebrate the very first Christmas. This fun FREE event will take place on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00-10:30AM. Children ages 3 through 5th grade will enjoy a pancake breakfast, make a Christmas craft, hear the Christmas story, and enjoy birthday cupcakes. Registration is needed. Please see the bulletin board in the hallway for more information. Volunteers are also needed for this wonderful event.

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER UPDATE It is with much excitement that we are able to announce that the funds needed for the new playground have been completely raised. We are paid in full! To God be the glory! Thank you to everyone that played a part in making this project a possibility. Through your prayers and financial support we are able to bring to Blessed Savior a brand new playground. May God continue to use our preschool as a nursery of faith as we teach His little lambs!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Blessed Savior was able to drop off 167 boxes during collection week. What a blessing to play a small part in the lives of children all over the world. May the children that receive these boxes feel the love of Jesus that was shared!

VOTERS' MEETING Our next voters' meeting will take place on Sunday, November 18th immediately following the second service. Copies of the 2019 budget are on the table in the Narthex for you to take and review before the meeting. Please plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT DINNER Mark your calendars for this annual celebration of our dear Savior's birth on Tuesday, December 4th in the Church Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available for purchase after church services by the Women's Ministries bulletin board. All women confirmation age and up are invited.

QUILTERS We will not meet for quilting on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 21st.

FLU SHOT CLINIC The date for the flu shot clinic here at Blessed Savior has been changed from Nov. 11 to Nov. 18. The time is still 11:30AM-12:30PM.

RADIO CHURCH SERVICES

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