

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

An outline of today's sermon

"LOVE NEVER FAILS"

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:8 "Love never fails. But, where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away."

INTRODUCTION – Picture our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. His body, bloody and disfigured is beyond human likeness. He endured the repeated beatings at the hands of strong and healthy soldiers because he loved us more than his own life! This image is the clearest demonstration of love. This love has divine origins. It comes to us daily from God. It also enables us to love one another.

1 – God so loved the world...

2 – Love is at the center of all divine action in Christ.

3 – Love is essential to God.

4 – God is love.

5 – God's love and ours. (1 John 4)

6 – Love is seen in action.

7 – Love is tested in the tempests of life.

CONCLUSION – If love, then, is the essence of God, and he showed us this love by sending us his Son to redeem us, it follows that the ultimate act of love is to bring the Gospel that saves to the lost. Let us never tire of proclaiming the Gospel for the salvation of many. That is our task as Christians – and that is our task as the church! Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Jesus Has Authority to Forgive Your Sins and Give You Life

Jesus was sent to “*preach the good news of the kingdom of God*” (Luke 4:43). His preaching is an epiphany, or manifestation, of God because His Word reveals the authority of His cross and resurrection, by which He has atoned for the sins of the world. By the preaching of His Gospel in every place, He silences the unclean spirits and casts out demons, heals the diseases of body and soul, and restores life and health to His creation (Luke 4:40–41). For the sake of His divine love, He is “*patient and kind*” toward us; He “*bears all things,*” “*endures all things*” and delivers up His body to save us (1 Cor. 13:3–4, 7). So also for the sake of His love, He calls and sends His prophets, as ministers of His Word, “*to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant*” (Jer. 1:10).

SERVICE AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY led by Pastor Sander will start a new video series of eight sessions with Dr. Paul Maier - “Jesus, Legend or Lord?” on February 3. Until then, we will continue to read the Book of Acts.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Join us for a new Bible Study on Sunday mornings that explores the theories of evolution and how God's creation and salvation are linked in the person of Jesus Christ. We will meet in the library.

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 We will be studying 1st & 2nd Corinthians. All are invited to attend as we read and discuss Holy Scriptures and applications for our daily life. The class meets from 7:00PM until 8:00PM each Wednesday.

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 first quarter is Concordia Publishing-Brazil. Our gifts will go for the publication of a book by John Kleinig: “Grace Upon Grace.” If you’d like to read this book in English, speak to Pastor Sander.

SPECIAL DOOR OFFERING THIS WEEK The Zambesi River literally carried away five church buildings in five villages in Mozambique. It also destroyed the homes and crops of our fellow Christians there. Our door offering will go toward replenishing their books, medicine and school supplies. Pastor Walter Winterle, who preached at our church is their pastor. Checks can be made out to “Blessed Savior”, memo: Mozambique.

MISSION/WARMING TREE DONATIONS Where did they go? **SOS Center After School Program:** small box of hats, mittens, and scarves **Mr. Bob’s Under the Bridge:** Dropped off 5 large boxes in Cedarburg. Mr. Bob’s truck visits Kosciuszko Park every Saturday handing out clothes, bedding, new underwear and socks, coffee and snacks to homeless men and women. **Hope Center Waukesha:** 7 large boxes of men’s, women’s and

children's clothes for their pantry. The Hope Center pantry also provides **The Women's Center and Hebron House** shelters with their needs. **Milwaukee Homeless Veterans West Allis:** 3 large boxes of clothing for men and women. Thanks to those who could donate these much needed and appreciated items!

CHURCH INFORMATION

SPOTLIGHT ON...HALES CORNERS LUTHERAN SCHOOL We highly value Lutheran education, and we are excited to spotlight all the different Lutheran schools that we support! This week, we spotlight Hales Corners Lutheran School, located on Janesville Road. Hales Corners currently has 525 students enrolled in K-8th grade, 6 of whom are our members! They promote academic excellence, while helping children nurture a personal relationship with God. They also work to prepare their students to lead a responsible, purpose-filled life for Christ. As a congregation, we support any family that chooses to attend HCLS by covering the difference between the member and non-member tuition rate. Today we are honored to welcome Mr. Albert Amling, Principal of Hales Corners, who will briefly update us on all the exciting things happening there. He and our Hales Corners families are excited to answer any questions you may have.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS for 2018 have been placed in your church mailboxes. If you have any questions please contact our Assistant Treasurer, Kathy Wrycha, at (262) 786-6465 ext. 13 or kwrycha@bslc-wi.org

WINTER PICNIC THANK YOU This year's Winter Picnic & Brat Fry was a success! Many thanks to everyone who attended, helped with cooking, set-up, brought side dishes and desserts, assisted with the food dishes, and clean-up. With the help of our volunteers and the fellowship of those who attended, our church family has been greatly blessed. Everyone who attended had a great time and we hope to have this event again next year.

BUTTONS We are looking for green, white and clear buttons for a project that we'll be doing in March as a church family. If you have any green (any shade!), white or clear buttons that we can use, please place them in the vase that is sitting on the table by the windows in the Narthex. Thank you! And be sure to watch the bulletin for information on our 5th Sunday Family Day that we'll have at the end of March!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FELLOWSHIP & GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, February 5th from 6:30–8:30 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us for Christian fellowship and tasty treats while learning how the Lutheran Missions Attic Workshop helps provide desperately needed medical supplies and equipment, quilts, school supplies, layettes, and hygiene kits to people in poor countries around the world. Our guest speaker, Kathy Growth, with the Attic, will share more about this vital mission with us. All women are invited to the program followed by our general meeting. Men are also invited for the first hour to enjoy our program speaker. Please sign up on the WM bulletin board for attendance so we may plan for appropriate seating. Ingathering for the Lutheran Missions Attic Workshop will be through February 5th (Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Deodorant, Shampoo, Razor, Shaving Cream, Bar of Soap, Washcloth, Towel). There is a container in the Narthex for your valued donations if you cannot attend on the 5th.

YOUNG @HEARTERS Come and have some fun making a Valentine project with our little friends who go to school downstairs at our church. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am on February 14. After we are finished with the project and have decorated a cookie, we will enjoy more fellowship with each other at the New Berlin Ale House for lunch. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. See you on Valentine's Day.

RADIO CHURCH SERVICES

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