

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

An outline of today's sermon:

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS MY LORD!"

Text: Psalm 23:1, 6: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

INTRODUCTION – This psalm of King David is quite educational. It contains many useful lessons for us Christians. A systematic, detailed, examination of this Psalm is quite useful for our daily lives as we walk humbly under the Lord's watchful eyes.

1 – The first lesson is on the Third Commandment.

2 – The sheep and the Shepherd's relationship.

3 – The trouble with troubled waters.

4 – The valley that looks like (but is not!) death.

5 – The rod and the staff – the Law and the Gospel.

6 – Nourished and enabled for the daily battles.

7 – The Grand Finale: the importance of the comma.

CONCLUSION – We ought to thank the Lord every day for this Psalm! It is exactly what we need for our daily roaming through our life. Instead of being intimidated by the challenges and uncertainties of life, we are strengthened and reassured by our Good Shepherd. He knows how to keep us safe and how and where to guide us! Amen!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, *“they will never perish”* (John 10:28), for *“no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand”* (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) *“care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood”* (Acts 20:28), *“testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: *“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”* (Rev. 7:10).

SERVICE AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS JUNE 2! Please note that starting June 2nd, Divine Services will be held at 8:00 & 9:30AM every Sunday through the end of August.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY led by Pastor Sander is presently examining selected Psalms.

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 and 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall and is focusing on the book “Stuck: The Places We Get Stuck and the God Who Sets Us Free.” 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 Our gifts collected for Special Missions in the Second Quarter of the year will go to benefit a local agency called “A Place of Refuge.” This is a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod endorsed agency that offers care for abused women and single pregnant women. Countless women have been taken care of over the past 25 years and many babies received Holy Baptism. This is a wonderfully compassionate group of caretakers. The Lord be glorified through our gifts!

PERSONAL CARE KIT COLLECTION The last Sunday to donate items for personal care kits through Lutheran World Relief will be Sunday, May 19. Sunday school will be putting together these kits on Promotion Sunday. The kits will then be dropped off at the Attic Workshop. Items included in these kits are a dark bath size towel, toothbrush, nail clipper, 2 bars of soap, and a sturdy comb. If you are able or would like to donate items for this cause, please place them in the bin in the narthex marked Personal Care Kit Collection. Money placed in the Penny Challenge jugs will also be used to support this effort as well, so be sure to check out what is going on with Sunday School and the Penny Challenge.

CHURCH INFORMATION

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Today is the last class for our regular Sunday school program. Starting next week we will have Sunday School To Go kits available for families to take with them and complete at home. We know that summer is a busy time for all of us and we would love for you and your family to stay in the Word on a weekly basis. Please help yourself to a brown paper bag that contains a complete Sunday school lesson. This summer's study is on "The Beatitudes".

YOUNG @ HEARTERS Please join us on Thursday, May 16, as we carpool to the Domes. We will meet at church at 11 am. Then we will go to Applebee's to enjoy lunch. (We will choose from the menu.) After lunch we will go to the Domes to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Domes admission price will be covered. There are many places to sit at the Domes when we need to rest. We should return to church by 3pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

SINGING IN THE RAIN Our 4K classes will present a spring musical called "Singing in the Rain" on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00PM. You are invited to watch this farm themed production as the animals and farmers show us why they love the rain! There will be a short sweet treat reception following our show!

4K GRADUATION AND PICNIC The 29th class of Blessed Savior Lutheran Preschool will graduate on Friday, May 31 at 9:15AM. You are invited to come and celebrate with us! There will be a picnic lunch to follow the graduation!

SAVE THE DATE: ROCK OF AGES CLASSIC CAR & BIKE SHOW Saturday, June 1st – 9 AM to 3 PM. Please consider using your time and talents to assist with this event. This is a perfect opportunity to serve, even if only an hour. We'll need help with set up, food service, car parking, and take down. If you would like to help, please contact Lee Roloff either by dropping a note in his church mailbox, by phone at 414-423-9990, or by email at candl_roloff@sbcglobal.net. Vehicle registration forms are available on the narthex table. Thank you for supporting this mission!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Registration is now available for our Vacation Bible school program. We will set sail June 17-21 from 9:00-11:30AM daily and learn more about our Lord and Savior. This program is open to any child ages 3 (potty trained) through completed 5th grade. For more information or to get a registration slip please see the bulletin board in the hallway. For questions please see or email Jennifer Leinss preschool@bslc-wi.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS We are still in need of some helpers during the week of VBS. We are looking for group leaders, youth leaders, and some station help. If you are interested or would like to see what is available please check out the bulletin board in the hallway or see Jennifer Leinss. Please also look for opportunities to donate items.

CROSS WALL We are going to start a collection of crosses to adorn the wall in the Fellowship Hall above the closet doors. If you have a cross that you would like to donate to our collection, please bring it to the church office. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS You are welcome to add a friend or relative to our prayer list. Names are listed for four weeks. If you would like someone to remain on the list for a longer amount of time, just specify how long. Requests can be made by writing on the back of your attendance card or by contacting Lori in the office by phone or e-mail.

QUILTERS I would like to thank the anonymous home sewers for the quilts that just appear on the shelf. Please reveal yourself. I would love to talk to you. Call Irma @ (414) 326-5741.

RADIO CHURCH SERVICES

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