

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

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*An outline of today's sermon:*

**"A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH"**

Text: Revelation 21:1-5 "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... He who was seated on the throne said: 'I am making everything new!'"

INTRODUCTION - Day after day we live in this world under the rule of our dear Lord Jesus. The grind goes on, day in, day out. Solomon wrote: "What has been, will be again, what has been done, will be done again. There is nothing new under the sun." But, there is something new from above the sun! The desire to be in heaven is intensified when we read Saint John's description of the new Jerusalem. There God himself will live with us, face to face.

**1 – Life as usual.**

**2 – No news is not good news.**

**3 – The Good News is the response to "no news".**

**4 – Usually we look at history for responses.**

**5 – But, history is too limited for our theme here today.**

**6 – Christ seated far above all rule and authority, power and dominion.**

**7 – So, there is something new above the sun.**

**8 – A new heaven and a new earth.**

CONCLUSION – This new heaven and new earth will be the home of righteousness. There will be no more death, or crying, or mourning, or pain for the old order of things has passed away! He who was seated on the throne said: "I am making everything new!" Amen.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### ***Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy***

On earth “*you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy*” (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, “*God has granted repentance that leads to life*” (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is “*a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household*” (Acts 11:14). He gives freely “*from the spring of the water of life*” (Rev. 21:6), “*and death shall be no more*” (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, “*making all things new*” (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, “*and God is glorified in him*” (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our “*love for one another*” (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

### **SERVICE AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION**

**SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS JUNE 2!** Please note that starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** Sunday School To Go kits are now 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".

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 9 AM to 3 PM. Stop by to view classic rides while enjoying tasty food and awesome music. Take in the Christian fellowship that surrounds this event and remember to bring a non-perishable food item to support the New Berlin Food Pantry. Convenient parking is available – enter off of Moorland Road using Glendale Drive, and park at the rear of the church lot. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!

### ***RADIO CHURCH SERVICES***

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