

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, September 10

Sunday, September 13

“LIVING IN PEACE”

Text: Romans 14:1 “accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgement on disputable matters.”

INTRODUCTION – The church in Rome had many problems. One of the more annoying ones was that people quarreled over personal opinions. In other words, they majored in minors. They emphasized the importance of things that were not important. That is one way of souring a relationship. We are all accountable to God. None is greater than anyone else. Under Christ and in Christ we are enabled to live in peace!

1 – **Cosmopolitans** are trouble from the start: too many opinions.

2 – Jesus: **they are in the world but not of the world.**

3 – Christians are IN the world: Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel.

4 – Learn from Jesus, who was not OF the world!
(John 17:16)

5 – Father, forgive them: a hard lesson for us to learn. (Luke 23:34)

6 – Live and let live. God is THE ONLY JUDGE.
(Matthew 7:1)

7 – All have sinned and fall short... (Romans 3:23).

CONCLUSION – We love our name. It is special to us. It stirs something in us! And we love **our** opinions. They are all correct! Anyone who disagrees with us surely must be wrong! Jesus could see this coming when, during the Last Supper he said: "A New Commandment I give you: love one another as

I have loved you!" Let's remember that as we live out our lives. It makes for a joyful, Christian life! Amen.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have *"mercy on your fellow servant"* and *"forgive your brother from your heart"* (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord's forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we *"are the Lord's"* (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will *"stand before the judgment seat of God,"* we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also *"will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand"* (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends *"to bring it about that many people*

should be kept alive” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “I will provide for you and your little ones” (Gen. 50:21).

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS All gifts for the special missions in the third quarter will go to support “Helping Hands Eastern European Ministries”. This is a worthy cause that brings the gospel to the poorest nations of Europe. In ages past they organized “mission societies” that brought us the gospel. Now we have the opportunity to return their service! Checks, as always, are made out to Blessed Savior Lutheran Church.

INGATHERING FOR CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FOOD AND CLOTHING CO-OP Due to the cancellation of the LWML Fall Retreat these items cannot be gathered there. Help if you can. The collection bin is located outside of church for your donations.

Collection ending Sunday, September 13.
Sorry for the short notice.

Diapers and Wipes
Shampoo and Soap
Over the counter children's medicines

MITES Please remember to bring your mites. The first grant of the 2020-2022 Biennium is **Church Worker Student Grant, \$30,000**. This money will help seminarians purchase their books. The need for new pastors is great.

CHURCH INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME: This Sunday kicks off our Sunday School at Home quarter, with the story of Creation. We pray that God would bless your family time in His Word! If you have children ages 2-8th grade and you did not receive a bag of supplies, please contact Jennifer Leinss or Jaime Greene in the church office.

YOUTH GROUP All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for an outdoor Youth Group on September 13 and 20 from 6-8pm, weather permitting. We will be playing yard games. If you have any yard games

we can play, please bring them. We will also have a bonfire and s'mores. If you have questions please email Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

OFFICE MANAGER: Blessed Savior is seeking an individual to fill our Office Manager position. This position combines our business administrator position along with our secretarial position. Knowledge in Microsoft Office and QuickBooks is required. For a complete job description or for more information contact Tim Scherer, Vice Chairman, at tscherer29@gmail.com or 414-322-4707. This job is approximately 25-30 hours per week.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD We will once again be collecting Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Boxes are now available and can be found outside the front doors of church in a bin! You will find a list of ideas along with boy and girl tags in the bin as well! Boxes need to be back to church no later than Sunday, November 8th! Questions? See Jaime Greene or Jennifer Leinss!

SCRIP While SCRIP gift cards may not be available for purchase on Sunday mornings, you are still able to purchase cards through our order forms. Simply fill out your order, include your payment (checks can be made out to Blessed Savior Lutheran), and place it in the SCRIP mailbox, which is located on the north side of the Narthex. The order forms are available near the SCRIP bulletin board in the hallway. Your order will be placed in your church mailbox when it arrives, unless other arrangements are made. If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

DEVOTIONALS AND SUCH If you would like a copy of the devotionals that we receive, Portals of Prayer, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, or Lutheran Digest, please check out the bins outside of the front of church and help yourself!

HELPING HANDS EASTERN EUROPEAN

MINISTRIES We have been busy the last several months with the preparation and distribution of hundreds of food packets containing devotions and prayers. We have started working in a new area, the

large city of Plovdiv, as that is where many Bulgarian immigrants in Chicago come from. Unemployment due to COVID is high and there is no unemployment compensation for them. Many are hungry and afraid, and are more open to the Gospel than ever. We have also started publishing Time of Grace devotions in Bulgaria Sega newspaper (the Chicago area newspaper in which we've long published articles on health with a Gospel connection). Our estimated readership is about 10,000 souls.

FLOWERS, BULLETINS, & SPECIAL MISSIONS

SIGN UP If you would like to sign up for flowers, bulletins, or special mission contact the church office by email blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com, or call 262-786-6465.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

1. We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Chuck	Lois	Arliss	Judy	Angie
Harold	Adeline	Richard	John	

2. The altar flowers were donated by Elaine Berndt in celebration of her grandson Carter Berndt's 2nd birthday and by Marlene Yerges for blessings on her granddaughter Brittany and Matt's wedding.

3. We pray the Lord to have mercy on us and bless the efforts to contain the Corona Virus, the wildfires in the west, the recovery from the storms in Iowa, and the recovery from hurricane Laura in the south.

Special intercessions: please pray for all health care workers in America and the world, for all first responders, truck drivers and essential workers.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

Last Week's Attendance: 95

Last Week's Offerings: \$11,056.00

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00