

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, September 24

Sunday, September 27

“LIVING A HUMBLE LIFE”

Text: Philippians 2:14-16 Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.”

INTRODUCTION – In politics the person seeks the office. Each candidate talks a lot about his/her qualifications and why they should be elected. They are not shy about throwing dirt at their opponents, either! In other words, the behavior of campaigning politicians is the diametrical opposite to the behavior of a Christian. Let’s undertake to study Paul’s advice to the Philippians!

1 – Philippi’s Historical Importance.

2 – The Christian congregation is founded.

3 – Unique Philippians.

4 – Paul imprisoned in Rome.

5 – The caring congregation sent Paul a gift.

6 – A very gentle nudge to harmony.

7 – Christians live for others in a crooked and depraved generation.

CONCLUSION – In reading biographies, one can learn a lot from other people’s walk through life. From some, one learns how to be. From others, how not to be. From our politicians, we learn how not to be. From the Philippians how to live in humility. Such a life pleases God and produces inward joy! Amen.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: *"the soul who sins shall die"* (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has *"no pleasure in the death of anyone"* (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, *"shall surely live; he shall not die"* (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, *"he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death"* (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, *"God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name"* (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now *"shine as lights in the world"* (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even *"the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God"* (Matt. 21:31–32).

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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY This fall, we will be taking a deeper look into the book of Psalms, beginning on Tuesday, October 6. This 12-week study will be offered on Tuesday mornings at 9am and 7pm via Zoom and is led by Jaime Greene. If you are interested in signing up or if you have any questions, please contact Jaime at jaimelynn581@gmail.com. In your email, please indicate if you are interested in the morning or evening study.

CHURCH INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ HOME: Sunday school is officially underway! If you have a child ages 2 through 8th grade and did not receive materials from us, please contact the church office! We pray the Lord would bless our families and students as they learn at home and grow in their faith together!

YOUTH GROUP All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for an Youth Group activities on October 4 & 25. from 6-8pm. Please watch your email for more information. If you have questions please email Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS- Our hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 3:30. The church office is closed on Fridays. Please leave a message and we will get in touch as soon as we can. If you need immediate attention please call Pastor Sander on his cell phone (414) 630-6802.

WELCOME TERESA ALIOTO: We welcome very kindly Teresa (Terri) Alioto to Blessed Savior. Terri is our new Office Manager (which combined church secretary and business administrator roles). Terri is married and has two grown sons and loves her dog Daphne. We pray that God would richly bless Terri's work among us and pray that we would be a blessing to her as we know she will be to us! Welcome Terri!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for the Lord's blessings for Laura Kidd, Jenny Otto and Angela Heisler on the ministry and care of the children in our childcare and preschool.

We pray the Lord's blessing for Sara Reuter and Robert Miller as they are united in holy matrimony on Friday, October 2.

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Chuck Arliss Judy
Harold Adeline Richard John

Bulletins were donated by Marc & Dora Monreal in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Special Missions are sponsored by Rick & Bev Krause in remembrance of their fathers and mothers birthdays and their grandson, Jacobs, 15th birthday.

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 the various storms 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: 131

Last Week's Offerings: \$8,438.00

YouTube Attendance: 60

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00