

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, October 29

Sunday, November 1

“THE LAMB’S STAIN REMOVER”

Text: Revelation 7:14 “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

INTRODUCTION – Today we have a perfect opportunity to celebrate the Una Sancta – the one holy, Christian and apostolic church! The Una Sancta is the body of all believers in Christ and exists in two realms: The Church Triumphant, in heaven, and the Church Militant, on earth. We celebrate the bestowing of the crown of life to those the Lord called from among us in the last year!

1 – John’s Vision of heaven.

2 – This world is the great tribulation.

3 – While in this temporary shelter, we yearn for home.

4 – Sin is the stain that needs to come out!

5 – The blood of the Lamb: only substance that removes sin’s stain.

6 – Christ achieved communion between us sinners and the Holy Lord God!

7 – The throng arrayed in white shout their victory cries.

8 – Oh, that we were there!

CONCLUSION – We thank the Lord for showing us a glimpse of heaven through the revelation to Saint John. The best thing for us to remember in these somber days is that the Lamb is our Priest, constantly interceding for us and renewing our communion with our Father in heaven. Meanwhile we join Saint John in praying: “Come, Lord Jesus, come!” Amen.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

“A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages” cry out, *“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne”* (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, *“shall see him as he is”* (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall *“serve him day and night in his temple”* (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS – Our Special Missions project for the last quarter of the year 2020 is the ministry to the deaf, specifically the work done at and through “Evangelical Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation do the Deaf”. This congregation is located in West Allis (2306 S 98th Street). The Rev. William Palmer has been their pastor for the last 34 years. They minister to all deaf of the Greater Milwaukee area. This is a worthy cause and your gifts to Special Missions will sustain the proclamation of the Gospel in sign language!

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

BIBLE STUDY

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY If you are interested in participating in an online Bible Study on the book of Psalms, please contact Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com. The study is held on Zoom at 9am and 7pm.

CHURCH INFORMATION

YOUTH GROUP

All youth, 6th-12th grade, are invited to join us for a VIRTUAL night of fun and games on Sunday, November 8th from 6-8pm. Watch your email for a Zoom link. If you are not on our email list, please contact Jaime at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

On Sunday, November 22nd, we'll do our annual shopping competition for the food pantry, but with a twist! Rather than shopping in the store, we'll compete with online shopping to see who can get the most for their money!

GOOSECHASE Join us as we go on an online scavenger hunt, using the app "goosechase". Here's how to play: download the goosechase app and create an account. Search for the game "Goosechase through the Scriptures" or by using the game code WKX44P. The password is praiseandthanksgiving. As a family or individual, look up each Bible reference clue and find what the verse is referring to. Then, take a picture of that item and submit it. Extra points will be given for creativity and for including one of your family/team members in the picture. The goosechase runs from November 1-30 and the winning team will receive a \$25 gift card! Happy chasing!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD If you still plan on turning in a box for Operation Christmas Child the last day Blessed Savior will be collecting boxes is Sunday, November 8th. Please make sure your box is back to church by this date! If you have any questions or would still like to complete a box, please 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, Hope-Full Living, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, or Lutheran Digest, please check out the bins outside of the front of church and help yourself!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Now more than ever our food banks are experiencing food shortages. Blessed Savior has had a close tie with Bethany Food Pantry in Milwaukee. Currently Bethany is facing a shortage of canned goods. We will be collecting canned goods during the month of October to donate to Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry. If you are able to give at this time, there will be a collection bin out front in which you may place your donations. Thank you and God bless you for showing Jesus' love in this way!

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

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Chuck Arliss Judy Joyce Karen Rob
Harold Adeline Richard John Nora Carol

We join Matthew and Amanda Mihalek in praising God as they bring their infant daughter Madison Adelle Mihalek to the waters of Holy Baptism.

Missions are donated by Bob & Carol Kunz in celebration of their 32nd Anniversary,

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: 115

Last Week's Offerings: \$5,837.00

YouTube Attendance: 81

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00