

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, October 8

Sunday, October 11

"CELEBRATION BANQUET"

Text: Isaiah 25:6 "On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines."

INTRODUCTION – Through Isaiah the Lord God gives us a glimpse of the celebration he has planned for us on the day he puts an end to death. We are even given the menu for the banquet: finest of steaks and aged wine. The shroud that enfold all peoples will be lifted. Death will be swallowed up.

1 – Isaiah's Two Books: Judgement and Comfort

2 – Isaiah's warning comes through.

3 – In the midst of Judgement – Good News!

4 – The Word of God does bring life!

5 – the power of God's love is unlimited.

6 – Salvation is on the way – already but not yet.

7 – Since we are saved by God's grace, let us turn to save others.

CONCLUSION – Israel had just been taken over and destroyed by the Syrians. Judah was being threatened from all sides. Isaiah comforts them with his powerful poetry. Isaiah 7, 9, 53 are well known passages to us. Isaiah served the Lord as a prophet for 58 years, in the darkest period of Judah – the Southern Kingdom. Perhaps this is why he presents the most comprehensive and picturesque descriptions of Jesus – the Savior the Father world send to us. "Comfort, comfort my people!" this is the defining theme of Isaiah.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He “*will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth*” (Is. 25:8). Therefore, “*let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation*” (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made “*for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine*” (Is. 25:6). It is the royal “*wedding feast*” of the Son of God, “*and everything is ready*” (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, “*both good and bad,*” to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the “*wedding garment*” of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, “*do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,*” and “*rejoice in the Lord always*” (Phil. 4:4–6).

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**. 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

YOUTH GROUP All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for a Youth Group activity on October 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, 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 that you may place your donations in. 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 Bernice

Harold Adeline Richard John Nora

Alter Flowers are donated by Roger and Rosa Schulz in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Bulletins were donated by Laura Schmitz in memory of Pats dad, John Schmitz's birthday.

Special Missions are sponsored by Rick and Bev's for mothers 95th birthday and by Laura Schmitz in memory of Pats dad, John Schmitz's birthday.

The First grant **Church Worker Student Grant** is halfway to being paid, amount is \$30,000. Please support our seminarians by bringing your mites.

LWML Zone 3 Fall Rally will be held on October 31, 2020 at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church (9741 W. Beloit Road, Milwaukee). The speaker is Rev. Dan Czech of Life Impact Ministries. The ministry provides ministry leaders with a retreat place to rest and renew. The ingathering items include dish soap, paper towels, tissues, bar or pump hand soap, bathroom cleaning products. Our member, Rev. Robert Korytkowski will lead the Bible devotion. Registration at 9:00am, program at 9:30.

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: 129

Last Week's Offerings: \$8,604.00

YouTube Attendance: 72

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00