

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, October 15

Sunday, October 18

“RENDERING GOD’S THINGS TO GOD”

Text: Matthew 22:21 “Then He said to them: give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

INTRODUCTION – Jesus calls us “portraits of God” in an indirect way. When the Pharisees tried to trap him, they fell flat on their faces. Asking for a tax coin, He asked them: “whose portraits is this?” It was Caesar’s, of course. Then Jesus replied, “give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

1 – Taxes are part of life.

2 – No taxes – no public service.

3 – Caesar has a right to taxes in exchange of all benefits.

4 – The political push: freedom from Rome.

5 – Yeshua (Jesus) means Liberator.

6 – On the surface they played into Jesus’ agenda.

7 – Jesus sees what is in the heart.

8 – God liberated us and sustains our life.

9 – Let us give Him what belongs to Him: we ourselves.

CONCLUSION – There is not only one way to give ourselves to God. Each one of us gives themselves to God in their own, personal way. Paul tells us about the variety of gifts but One Spirit: wisdom, tongues, healing, faith, miraculous powers, etc. We all are one unity and family under our Father in heaven. Let us give Him what he conquered through Jesus death: our lives. Let each pick a way to serve and throw themselves to work! Amen.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 24A)

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

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 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

Harold Adeline Richard John Nora

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: 112

Last Week's Offerings: \$7,316.00

YouTube Attendance: 92

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00