

# BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, October 22

Sunday, October 25

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## “HERE WE STAND”

**Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:15** “Stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you.”  
Ephesians 6:13-14 “Put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground....Stand firm then, with the belt of [God’s] truth buckled around you.”

**INTRODUCTION** – On this 503<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, we give thanks to God for restoring to His church the central truths of the Bible, especially the key teaching that we are freed from the powers of sin and death and Satan—and are declared righteous in God’s sight, only by God’s free grace, without any merit or worthiness on our part.

**1. Most people today don’t know who Martin Luther was or what he accomplished.**

**2. Luther stood firm for God’s truths in the Bible.**

**3. Today Christians must stand firm for the central truths of Scripture.**

**4. The message of the Gospel is summarized in 4 key words from the Bible.**

# 1 We saved by *grace* alone.

# 2 We receive God’s saving grace through *faith* alone.

# 3 God’s plan of salvation is revealed in *Scripture* alone.

# 4 Salvation is found in *Christ* alone.

**5. A true and living faith never stands alone. We are saved to serve.**

**Conclusion** – God’s clear teachings in the Bible—centered in the Reformation treasures of “Grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone, and Christ alone,” calm our hearts, relieve our fears, and give us true and lasting purpose and peace.

## **REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)**

### ***The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace***

*“Wisdom is justified by her deeds”* (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and *“remain in the house forever”* (John 8:35). He is *“a friend of tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *“to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”* (Rev. 14:6), *“the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law”* (Rom. 3:21), *“that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, *“whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith”* (Rom. 3:25), *“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31–32).

## **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 98<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jaimelynn581@gmail.com). The study is held on Zoom at 9am and 7pm.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com), or call 262-786-6465.

**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.

### **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS**

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Chuck Arliss Judy Joyce Karen Rob

Harold Adeline Richard John Nora

Altar Flowers are donated by Don & Deb Marx in celebration of Laura and Paul birthdays, and Manfred & Petra Bellmann in celebration of their grandchildren, Jake & Molly's, birthdays.

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:** 121

**Last Week's Offerings:** \$7,132.00

**YouTube Attendance:** 73

**Needed Weekly:** \$10,365.00