

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, November 19

Sunday, November 22

“FIRST DEATH, THEN LIFE”

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 “For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, in Christ all will be made alive.”

INTRODUCTION – Our Lord Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father and rules all things in the vast universe. As we all were made according to the prototypes Adam and Eve, so shall we be made according to our Lord Jesus. Adam and Eve were mortal, and from them we inherit mortality. Jesus is immortal, and from him we inherit immortality. In other words, our walk is from death to life.

1 – First Corinthians 15: the great chapter of the resurrection.

2 – Paul’s didactics are perfectly simple and vice-versa.

3 – The problem started in the Garden of Eden.

4 – The problem is solved in the Garden of the Tomb – Christ is risen!

5 – Jesus to his “undertaker”: “Flesh gives birth to flesh...”

6 – But the Spirit gives birth to the spirit – in that order!

7 – Philosophers and ideologues see it in the reverse order.

CONCLUSION – Let us not look to the world in planning our future. Christ alone is the way, the truth, and the life. He alone can lead us to eternal life. These present pains and trouble will cease, **heaven and earth will pass away, but his word will never pass away. We have his word! To him be glory and honor and thanks forever and ever!**
Amen.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, *“he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats”* (Matt. 25:32). *“To those on his right,”* who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But *“those on his left,”* who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart *“into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels”* (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep *“as a shepherd seeks out his flock”* (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, *“the fat and the strong,”* but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds *“the lean sheep”* (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that *“in Christ shall all be made alive”* by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

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!

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 each Tuesday.

CHURCH INFORMATION

YOUTH GROUP 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! Parents and

students in grades 6-12 will receive more information via email. If you are not on our email list, please contact Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com

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!

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL Due to the current health concerns for our brothers and sisters of this congregation, we as Church Council decided it was prudent to not hold a Voter's Assembly Meeting this fall. The fall meeting's primary focus is passing a working budget for the next calendar year. Our church constitution states that the Church Council will see to the church's needs when the congregation does not meet. Therefore, the Church Council unanimously voted to pass the budget that was presented first to the Elders, then the Church Council in October, and published in the Messenger and sent to the congregation through email and on our web page. To continue our focus of being a transparent Church Council, I invite any questions or dialog in any action the Council takes. Feel free to reach out to me at any time at: bobkunz1988@gmail.com or 262-227-2617 Bob Kunz, Church Council Chairman

YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK We are excited to introduce two new weekly segments on our YouTube channel (Blessed Savior Lutheran-New Berlin) and Facebook (@BlessedSaviorNBWI), in addition to our regularly posted material. If you haven't already followed or liked these pages, please do so! It's a great way to stay connected!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Even though this year's collection looked a bit different we were still able to donate 82 boxes this year. Thank you to everyone that donated, prayed for, etc. We now pray that these boxes along with their messages of love would be used in big ways to share the love of Jesus this Christmas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: This year our Christmas program will be coming to you in a virtual format! If you have children ages 2-8th grade and would like to participate and haven't seen the email from Jennifer Leinss please email her at jleinss82@gmail.com. This year's program is titled "Symbols of Christmas" and we are asking families to record their part at home and send it to us! We are looking forward to sharing the love of Jesus in this unique way this Christmas!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP Please make plans to join us in praise and thanksgiving at our Thanksgiving Worship Services. We will worship in person on Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm and Thursday, November 26 at 9am. An online Worship Service will be posted on Thursday morning.

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:

Arliss Judy Joyce Karen Rob
Adeline Richard John Nora Carol

Bulletins are donated by Don & Deb Marx in celebration of Laura and Paul'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: 111

Last Week's Offerings: \$5,170.00

YouTube Attendance: 113

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00