

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

***First Sunday after Christmas***

***DIVINE SERVICE 1 LSB 151***

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**"CYCLES AND CHRONOLOGY"**

**Text:** Galatians 4:4 "But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons."

**INTRODUCTION** – Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace toward those on whom his favor rests! Ah, those wonderful concepts of time and cycles. Time is kept by our watches. It is told in hours and days, and years. But God does not tell time like that. "When the time had fully come..." God keeps cycles. Each cycle is precisely timed with his eternal purposes in Christ. Just wait: God is timing his next move!

**1 – Before the creation of the world, THE BEGOTTEN SON.**

**2 – The Six Days of Creation.**

**3 – The Flood.**

**4 – The Calling of Abraham.**

**5 – The Birth of Jesus.**

**6 – The Ascension.**

**7 – The Pentecost.**

**Conclusion** – So here we are, celebrating one divine cycle while waiting for another, the last promised cycle, when Jesus will return in glory and in power. At that time all will rise from the dead, and the redeemed will be taken to paradise, to the new earth and the new heaven, the home of righteousness. Praise be to God who send us His Son, and the Holy Spirit to tell us about this Son of God, Savior of the world! Amen.

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

### ***The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification through Jesus Christ, Our Lord***

*"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,"* born of the woman, *"to redeem those who were under the law"* (Gal. 4:4–5). Therefore, *"according to the Law of Moses,"* Mary and Joseph *"brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord"* (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, *"waiting for the consolation of Israel"* (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. *"At that very hour,"* old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, came up and *"began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem"* (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes *"righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations"* (Is. 61:11). We also *"greatly rejoice in the LORD,"* because this child has clothed us *"with the garments of salvation,"* covered us *"with the robe of righteousness"* and called us *"by a new name"* (Is. 61:10; 62:2).

### **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!

### **BIBLE STUDY**

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** We are starting a new Bible Study on the book of Proverbs that meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 9am and 7pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jaime Greene at [jaimelynn581@hotmail.com](mailto:jaimelynn581@hotmail.com) with more information. Please indicate in your email if you are interested in the morning or evening class.

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

**YOUTH GROUP**-Save the date! Grades 6-12 will be meeting virtually on January 3, 17, and 31. Watch your email for Zoom links and details on the theme for each night. If you are in these grades, or if your child is, and you have not been receiving emails from Jaime Greene, please email her at [jaimelynn581@gmail.com](mailto:jaimelynn581@gmail.com) so we can add you to the list!

**SCRIP** We thank you for your support of our SCRIP program this past year! Even though we weren't able to sell cards in person for the majority of the year, with your support, we were able to sell \$27,000 worth of gift cards, giving us nearly \$1,000 in profit! If you would like to purchase SCRIP cards, you may do so by filling out one of the order forms, which can be found in the hallway by the bulletin boards, or by contacting Jaime Greene.

**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!

**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.

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** Preschool will start open enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, January 25th. If you have or know of anyone looking for 2K, 3K, 4K, or childcare and would like more information or to register please contact Jennifer Leinss 262-786-6465 or [jleinss82@gmail.com](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com).

## **HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **New Year's Eve**

Thursday, December 31 – 7:00 p.m.

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

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:  
Arliiss Judy Karen Adeline Carol Laverne

Special intercessions: we pray for all health care workers in America and the world, for all first responders, truck drivers and essential workers.

Altar Flowers are donated by Michael and Linda Malone in celebration of their anniversary and Sean's birthday.

Rick and Bev Krause support special missions in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

**Last Week's Attendance:** 110

**Last Week's Offerings:** \$15,119.00

**YouTube Attendance:** 84

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