

**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021**

**“BONDED IN UNITY WITH CHRIST”**

**Text:** Ephesians 4:4-6 “There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one Baptism; one God and Father of all who is over all, and through all, and in all.”

**INTRODUCTION:** We are all one in and through Christ. Christ is the head and the church, his body. In one single sentence the Apostle Paul uses the word “one” seven times. He seems to be totally focused on teaching us that in the church there are no divisions. The church is the body of Christ, and in his body, there is a harmonic unity. C.S. Lewis, a prominent Christian author of the 20<sup>th</sup> century wrote that by nature we are like a tree, with all branches together in the beginning, but, as we grow, we distance ourselves from one another. He also wrote that in Christ we are like a river, that grows stronger as it gathers the waters of many tributaries.

- 1** – One body.
- 2** – One Spirit.
- 3** – One hope.
- 4** – One Lord.
- 5** – One Faith.
- 6** – One Baptism.
- 7** – One God and Father of all.

**CONCLUSION:** In the Lord’s Supper, we are given bread and wine. The bread is the product of many kernels who were ground to make flour. The wine is the result of many grapes who gave up their individual size and shape. So also it is in the church: we all join one another to form the body of Christ, in which Jesus is Lord over all. In Christ we are a unit, one solid and harmonious body comprised by all believers in Jesus Christ. May the Lord Jesus grant us the Holy Spirit to make us willing and effective cells in his body to his glory and the salvation of many, as we proclaim the Good News to all! Amen.

## **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### Jesus Is the True and Living Bread from Heaven

Having rescued Israel “out of the land of Egypt” (Ex. 16:6), the Lord manifested His glory and made Himself known to His people. He fed them with “meat to eat” in the evening and with “bread from heaven” in the morning (Ex. 16:4, 8, 12). But now, the “true bread from heaven,” which the Father gives to you, is the Son, “who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (John 6:32–33). Whoever comes to Him “shall not hunger,” and whoever believes in Him “shall never thirst.” He is “the bread of life,” who gives Himself to you as “the food that endures to eternal life” (John 6:27, 35). By the gracious working of God, you believe in Him by the calling of one Spirit through the Gospel, so that you also have “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Eph. 4:4–6). As you eat His one body in the Holy Supper, so you belong to the one Body of His Church, in which you “are to grow up in every way into him who is the head” (Eph. 4:15).

### **CHURCH INFORMATION**

**REOPENING:** The Board of Elders has been meeting every month since the beginning of the pandemic. Without rushing things, they have analyzed a lot of data and guided the congregation in the various facets of ministry. They have been extremely cautious in determining what can be done and when. Please note that slowly, yet responsibly, God willing, life will get back to normal. Attendance cards and hymnals will return to the pews in mid-August. Please watch the weekly bulletins for updated information.

**FAMILY MAILBOXES:** Please take an extra moment to double check the location of your family's church mailbox. We had to do some shifting of the boxes to welcome new members, so not all the boxes are in the same location. Thank you for your cooperation!

**YOUNG AT HEART:** As we look to resume activities this fall; we need your help in planning monthly events for our Young at Heart group. If you would like to help us plan out the year, please join us on Thursday, August 12th at 1pm. If you can't make the meeting, but have some great ideas, please contact Jaime Greene.

**SPECIAL MISSIONS THIRD QUARTER:** Rachel Meyer, a Lutheran School Teacher is a missionary in Bufuula, Uganda. Rachel is to be admired for her courage to go in our place into a nation that is politically in conflict. Let us pray for her safety. May the Lord surround her with His holy angels and bless her ministry of teaching seventh graders the ways of the Lord. – Go, Rachel, go! The Lord be with you!

**MILITARY MINISTRY:** Thank you for your donations of care package items for our military! However, we are currently putting a pause on care packages until we can find a USO to continue our mission since the closure of the USO in Bagram. We are still collecting manufacturer's coupons and stamps for the Lions Club. Please keep those coming!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES GARDEN TEA PARTY:** Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. This will be an outdoor event, weather permitting. We hope you can join us for this special social event with Christian Fellowship, Tea and Appetizers, Tea Trivia, Prettiest Hat Competition, \$1 Raffle, and Free Will Offering. Proceeds will benefit the Green Power Garden for the Hope Center in Waukesha. \$5 tickets will be available after church services starting August 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>.

**GARDEN TEA PARTY TABLE HOSTESS:** As a Table Hostess, you will provide a table and chairs for four (4). Decorate your table and provide tea party settings, teapot, a carafe(s), etc. Sign up on the Women's Ministries Bulletin Board or email our Women's Ministries Gmail at [wminbs@gmail.com](mailto:wminbs@gmail.com)

**SCHOOL KITS:** Please keep your eyes peeled for when those wonderful school supplies go on sale! We will once again participate in the school kit program through Lutheran World Relief. We are blessed each year to pack over 100 kits for those in need. For more information on this project, please visit [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org). A list of supplies and collection bin are in the Narthex.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** This is a friendly reminder that if you plan to help pack Christmas boxes this fall, many of the items like t-shirts, flip flops, sunglasses, etc. are currently available and/or on sale. More information on this project can be found at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org), or by contacting Jennifer Leins. Boxes will be available in the fall.

**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.

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Marc & Dora Monreal in celebration of their daughter Melanie and Cory's marriage.

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**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS**

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Arliss Judy Adeline Laverne Karen John Holley Nancy Ralph

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

**WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR July 29 – August 8**

<b>Thur</b>	7:00 pm	Worship
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Worship
<b>Mon</b>		Scrip Orders Due
<b>Tue</b>	6:30 pm	Endowment Fund Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
<b>Thur</b>	7:00 pm	Worship & Communion
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 am	Worship & Communion
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion

**Last Week's Attendance:** 167 **YouTube:** 31

**Offerings:** \$7,881. **Needed Weekly:** \$11,800