

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021
SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

“THE COVENANT IS REAL”

Text: Mark 6:50-51 “They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage. It is I. Don’t be afraid.” Then he climbed into the boat with them.”

INTRODUCTION: They just had served dinner to five thousand men. They must have been exhausted. They were alone in the boat, and it was dark. Jesus had retired to a mountainside to pray by himself. Then it happened. The wind was against them and then things got worse; they thought they had seen a ghost walking on the water. They had forgotten a few things about God’s covenant with his people.

- 1** — The three appointed readings are pure gold!
- 2** — God is with Noah on the ark.
- 3** — The Son of God climbs into the boat with the disciples.
- 4** — The Holy Spirit possesses us and fills us with good things.
- 5** — Paul’s epic prayer for the Ephesians.
- 6** — God’s gifts are not just to help us get by!
- 7** — The eternal Triune God wants to dwell in our hearts.
- 8** — The Covenant is real. It works.

CONCLUSION — Just as the ark arrived safely on Mount Ararat, and the disciples’ boat made it safely to Bethsaida, so shall we one day reach the bright shores of heaven, safe and redeemed by our dear Lord Jesus. God’s covenant has one giver and many takers! When God speaks, he utters no useless, empty words, this is true! Amen.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Creation Is Redeemed and Sanctified by the Word of Christ Jesus

Having spared faithful Noah and his family from the flood, the Lord established His covenant with them, **“and with every living creature,”** that never again would there be **“a flood to destroy the earth”** (Gen. 9:9–11). He signed and sealed this everlasting covenant with His rainbow in the clouds, by which He sees and remembers His promise that **“the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh”** (Gen. 9:13–16). Although creation suffers under the curse of sin, the Lord preserves and orders creation for the benefit of His Church. In particular, all of creation is redeemed and sanctified by the incarnate Son of God. **“Take heart”** and **“do not be afraid,”** for He is with you on the sea. He is not a ghost, but He has come in the flesh to save you. He has gotten **“into the boat”** with you, and the wind that was against you has ceased (Mark 6:45–51). For He is the Word and promise of the Father, and His own flesh and blood are the covenant by which you are **“strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being”** (Eph. 3:16–17).

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.

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 11th 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 5th/8th.

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

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. More information and a list of supplies can be found at www.lwr.org. A list of supplies along with a collection bin will be in the narthex starting in August.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We will once again partake in Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. This is just a friendly hint if you plan to pack shoe boxes this Christmas to keep in mind that some of the items that they suggest you pack are available NOW. Items like t-shirts, flip flops, etc. are around during the summer months and can be found fairly inexpensive. Be sure to stock up now and when it comes time to stuff those shoe boxes you will have the items you need! More information on this wonderful project can be found at www.samaritanspurse.org or if you have questions see Jennifer Leinss.

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.

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Marc & Dora Monreal in celebration of their daughter Alyssa 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 22 – August 1

Thur	7:00 pm	Worship & Communion
Sun	8:00 am	Worship & Communion
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	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Mon		Scrip Orders Due
Tue	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wed	9:00 am	Quilters
Thur	7:00 pm	Worship
Sun	8:00 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Worship

Last Week's Attendance: 181 **YouTube:** 45

Offerings: \$15,211. **Needed Weekly:** \$11,800