

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

“GOD’S THERAPY FOR ‘THE BLUES’”

Text: 1 Kings 19:7 “The angel of the Lord came back a second time and said, ‘get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.’ So he got up, ate and drank. Strengthened by that food he travelled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb.”

INTRODUCTION: It was not the best of times in Israel. We are not talking about the “good old days” for sure. In fact, Israel had sunk in every aspect to its lowest level. Israel had ignored God’s word, so God withdrew his word by telling Elijah, the Kings advisor, to leave the royal court and hide himself by some backwaters. Now, after destroying 450 of Baal’s prophets, Elijah is in hiding again and ask God to take his life!

- 1** – The times of Elijah.
- 2** – King Ahab, Queen Jezebel, and Elijah.
- 3** – The power of faith in the true God.
- 4** – Success is followed by the severe depression.
- 5** – Elijah explains his plight to the Lord.
- 6** – God’s three-point prescription: rest, eat, focus on the Lord’s work.
- 7** – Elijah obeyed and was taken into heaven.

CONCLUSION: In these modern days we have all sorts of therapists and therapies for “the blues.” The mind is a very complex thing. Mental illness is a serious matter in our world today. Some people cope with it for extended periods of time. It is not easy. Elijah had no therapists. He relied on God, and God rescued him. He who created us, can certainly also heal us! May our loving Father’s hand touch all who are in the grip of sadness and disperse all anxious thoughts. Afterall, His Son saved us from our sins! Amen.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Lord Jesus Feeds Us with His Flesh, in Order to Strengthen Us with His Own Life

God the Father sent His Son into the world, so that the world might have life in Him. Now He “draws” you to His Son, Christ Jesus, by the preaching of His Gospel. “Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father” comes to Jesus, who will never cast him out but “will raise him up on the last day” (John 6:44–45). He is “the bread of life,” who “comes down from heaven” in the flesh, that you may eat of Him and “live forever” (John 6:48–51). Although “the journey is too great for you,” in the strength of this food you shall come to “the mount of God.” Do not be afraid, and do not despair, but “arise and eat” (1 Kings 19:5–8). And “no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds” (Eph. 4:17), but “walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us” (Eph. 5:2). In Him, you have been “created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph. 4:24). Therefore, “be imitators of God, as beloved children” (Eph. 5:1), by “forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Eph. 4:32).

CHURCH 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 no longer serves as a missionary in Uganda, a reassignment of our Special Missions had to be made. In consultation with our Head Elder, Sean Malone, we decided to redirect our gifts to missionary Paul Nelson, who visited us and served as guest preacher on July 25th. Anyone who would like to withdraw their gifts given up to this point is welcome to advise the Church Office on where they'd like to send their gift. An explanatory letter

from Rachel Meyer is on the Bulletin Board in the hall by the narthex. Pastor Paul Nelson will serve as theological director in Indonesia.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN FOOD PACKING: Join us on Wednesday, August 18th as we head to Libertyville, IL to pack food for Feed My Starving Children. We'll meet at church to carpool at 10am and will return at 4pm. Lunch is provided. Contact Jaime Greene to sign up or with any questions.

LAY READERS: As part of our reopening plan, we are excited to welcome back Lay Readers to our Worship Services in September! If you are interested in being a Lay Reader, or if you would like more information, please contact Carla Herried.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING: All 6th-8th graders and their parents should plan to attend a Confirmation Information Meeting on Sunday, August 15th at 10:30am. We'll cover the changes to this year's Confirmation program and what you can expect. If you can't make it, please contact Jaime Greene to set up a time to meet one on one.

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. For more information on this project, please visit 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, or by contacting Jennifer Leinss. 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, or call 262-786-6465.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:
 Arliss Judy Adeline Laverne Karen John Nancy Ralph

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR August 5 – August 15

Thur	7:00 pm	Worship & Communion
Sun	8:00 am	Worship & Communion
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
Mon		Scrip Orders Due
Tue	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
	6:30 pm	Women’s Ministry Meeting
Wed	9:00 am	Quilters
Thur	1:00 pm	Young at Heart Planning
	7:00 pm	Worship
Sun	8:00 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Worship

Last Week’s Attendance: 145

Offerings: \$10,151. **Needed Weekly:** \$11,800