

**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021**

“DEATH GOT IN THE WAY”

Text: Hebrews 7:23-25 “Now, there have been many of these priests since death prevented them from continuing in office, but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.” (Note: This is an alternate text to today’s readings.)

INTRODUCTION: The author to the Book of Hebrews contrasts the many priests of the past to Jesus. Death kept those former priests from going on, but death could not impede Jesus from going on. He defeated death and serves as our high priest. He died once and for all. Risen from the dead, he intercedes for us continually with the Father.

1 – The need for a priest.

2 – Two orders of priests: Aaron and Melchizedek

3 – The problem with priests.

4 – No “perfection” possible with priests from the Aaron Order.

5 – People without a priest: organic matter.

6 - The need for a permanent priest was dire.

7 - Enter Father and Son Jesus – the problem is solved!

CONCLUSION: Bridges make overland travel easy. Imagine if we had to figure out a way to cross a river every time we came to one! Jesus is the bridge to the Father. He intercedes for us. He prays for us. He enables us to continually live in the presence and under the protection of Almighty God. Jesus, our Prophet, Priest, and King. Death does not get into his way – nor ours! Amen!

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of God

To love and trust in earthly wealth is vanity. For nothing of this earth will last forever, nor can any of it grant eternal life (Eccl. 5:10). But the one who trusts in God is *"occupied with joy in his heart"* and is able to sleep in peace, *"whether he eats little or much,"* because he knows that the *"days of his life"* are *"the gift of God"* (Eccl. 5:12, 18–20). The person who trusts in riches cannot sleep, because he *"shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand"* (Eccl. 5:15). Therefore, it is difficult *"for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God"* (Mark 20:23). Indeed, it is impossible for man, yet *"all things are possible with God"* (Mark 20:27). Thus, the Rich Man, Jesus Christ, has made Himself poor and has gone through *"the eye of a needle,"* through death and the grave, *"to enter the kingdom of God"* on our behalf (Mark 20:24–25). He is the *"great high priest who has passed through the heavens"* (Heb. 4:14), so that we may now enter His Sabbath rest by faith in His forgiveness (Heb. 4:3–9).

SERVICE AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

SUNDAY MORNING at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of Psalms.

TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the Sermon on the Mount.

TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY at 7pm. Please contact DCE Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 7pm in the Library for a study on 1st & 2nd Timothy.

THURSDAY MORNING at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of John.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the church office for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am for a study on Ephesians.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FOURTH QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: For the fourth quarter of the year, our Special Missions gifts will support the SOS Center, an agency run by the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod that helps Milwaukee school children and their families. The SOS Center offers after school tutoring, teaches Bible Stories and exemplifies Christian love in action. Many volunteers make this ministry possible!

CHURCH INFORMATION

PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Sander will be on vacation from October 17th - 31st. If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact the church office and we will put you in touch with the pastor on call.

YOUNG AT HEART: We're going to the ZOO!! On Thursday, October 21st, we'll meet at church at 11am and enjoy a boxed lunch together before heading to the Zoo where we'll be treated to a zoo-mobile ride around the park, complete with narration of the different exhibits. We will return to church by 3pm. Please note that this is open to the first 23 people who sign up, due to the capacity of the tram. Cost is \$20 and is due to Jaime Greene by October 17th. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

FAITH AND THE PENTAGON: Reverend Dr. Larry Myers (Chaplain, Colonel, United States Air Force, Retired) joined our congregation in 2020, following his retirement from pastoral ministry at Elm Grove Lutheran. During his service in the Air Force as Colonel and Chaplain, he found himself at the Pentagon on 9/11. Join us on Sunday, October 17th at 9:15am as he shares his experience, and the examples of faith that showed up on that devastating day.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS JOB OPENING: We are currently searching for someone to fill a part-time maintenance and custodian position we have open here at church. Part of the position would include, but is not limited to, light custodial work, maintenance of the building, and setting up for events. For a full job description and to apply, please contact the church office.

PASTORAL NOMINATION: As our Call Committee continues to move forward in the process of interviewing and issuing a call to our next Pastor, we would love for some input from you! If you know a Pastor that you would like to nominate, please fill out the Pastoral Nomination form, which can be found on the table in the Narthex. Forms can be returned in the "Congregation President" mailbox as soon as possible.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: We are looking for people to rotate and take turns serving coffee which includes making coffee, setting up, and cleaning up after church. If you are willing to serve in this way, please contact Janet Steinhaus.

CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED: Blessed Savior Lutheran ECC is looking for loving, energetic, qualified team players to serve as teachers/aides in our childcare room this school year. Early childhood courses and experience is preferred. Hours are flexible, wage is based on experience! Contact Director Jennifer Leinss to learn more about becoming a part of this great team! 262-786-6465 or jleinss82@gmail.com.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES: Do you have a college student who is living on campus or at home? We'd love to stay in contact with them! Please send their mailing address to jaimelynn581@gmail.com

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING REGISTRATION: We are one step closer to the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this July! We are currently preparing for registration in less than a month, and we need you to fill out the paper registration form and submit your \$150 non-refundable deposit. If you need to obtain a paper registration form, please contact Jaime Greene. All forms and deposits are due on Sunday, October 24th when we have our meeting at 5pm.

YOUTH GROUP: All 6th-12th graders are invited to Youth Group on Sunday, October 24th from 6-8pm. Friends are welcome!

THRIVENT GRANTS: If you are a Thrivent member and are eligible for the Action Team grants and have not used them yet for 2021 please contact Jaime or Jennifer. We have a few projects in mind and would like to accomplish them if you are interested in sharing your Action Team grant.

MILITARY MINISTRY: We have now partnered with the USO in Korea to send packages to 5 USO locations and 11 outreach locations and help in their support of newly arrived service members and families in quarantine. For a list of wanted donation items, please see the bin in the Fellowship Hall. As we approach Halloween, we would love to send any extra candy you have! Please note: we cannot accept food with an expired "best by" date. We are still looking for a volunteer to keep in contact with the military personnel on our correspondence list. If you would like more information on the duties, or any questions, please contact Bev Krause or Jaime Greene.

RADIO CHURCH SERVICES

SUN 6:30AM—WTMJ (AM 620) LUTHERAN HOUR &
SUN 7:00AM—WJYI (AM 1340) LUTHERAN

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Judy Adeline Karen Nancy Ralph Marlene Barbara Karena Kay

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

Altar Flowers are sponsored by William Cribb in memory of Violet on her birthday.

Special Missions are sponsored by Pat and Marianne Mundstock in remembrance of their mother’s birthday.

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR October 14 – October 24

THUR	7:00pm	Worship
SUN	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Worship
MON	Scrip Orders Due	
	6:30pm	Boards and Committee
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
TUES	9:00am	Ladies Bible Study
WED	9:00am	Quilters
	7:00pm	Bible Study
THUR	9:30am	Bible Study
	11:00am	Young at Heart-Zoo trip
	7:00pm	Worship and Communion
SAT	8:30am	Men’s Bible Study
	9:00am	Handbell Rehearsal
SUN	8:00am	Worship and Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Worship and Communion
	5:00pm	Youth Gathering Meeting
	6:00pm	Youth Group

Attendance: 214 **Offerings:** \$6,585 **Needed Weekly:** \$11,800