

**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FLORISSANT, MISSOURI**



*"EMPOWERED BY GOD'S HOLY WORD,  
WE JOYFULLY SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH ALL PEOPLE;  
THROUGH WORSHIP, TEACHING, FELLOWSHIP,  
SERVICE AND WITNESSING."*

*THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 19, 2010*

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD**

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**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**December 18, 2010 and December 19, 2010**

**WE WELCOME YOU** to our worship service this morning. We pray God's rich blessings upon you as you hear His Word and praise His holy name. We ask our members and visitors to please use the friendship pad found on the pew. Kindly hand the friendship pad to the person sitting next to you. The Ushers will collect them after the service. Thank You.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be offered during our worship services this week. You are encouraged to prepare for communion by meditating on the Christian Questions and Answers located on pages 329 & 330 in the front of the hymnal.

We rejoice in this celebration of the **LORD'S** Supper as the Lord Jesus indeed comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body & Blood in and with the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak to the pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. Members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, believing and confessing as we do, are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper with us. We practice close communion and ask that ALL guests who desire to commune; kindly speak to the Pastor before the service. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care, BSLC.

**THIS WORSHIP FOLDER / CHURCH BULLETIN** is prepared for your convenience and contains the entire order of worship with all spoken and sung responses. However, if you are more comfortable using the hymnal, you may use the order of worship found in the front pages of Lutheran Service Book where all the melodies are shown for the sung responses of the congregation.

**Greeting of Peace** The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

**Opening Hymn**

**“Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

#341

*Stand*

**Confession and Absolution**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

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- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

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### Introit

Ps. 130:5-8; antiphon: Is. 64:1



Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,\*  
**that the mountains might quake at your | presence.**

I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,\*

**and in his | word I hope;**

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,\*

**more than watchmen for the | morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,\*

**and with him is plentiful re- | demption.**

And he will redeem | Israel\*

**from all his in- | iquities.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,\*

**that the mountains might quake at your | presence.**

### Kyrie

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C **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P The Lord be with you.

C  **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

C **Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

*Old Testament Reading*

*Isaiah 7:10-17*

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual*

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

C **Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.**

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

**Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

## Epistle

Romans 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Stand

*Alleluia and Verse* 🎵

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C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.


C 🎵 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what

the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”  
(which means, God with us).

<sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord  
commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had  
given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C  **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Nicene Creed*

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C **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came  
down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius  
Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to  
the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge**

**both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of  
sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

*Children's Message*

*Sermon Hymn - (Stanza's 1 - 4)*

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

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*Sermon*

*Sermon Hymn – (Stanza's 5-7)*

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

**#357**

*Offering*

*Stand*

*Offertory* 

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- © Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a  
right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not  
Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and  
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**



## *Prayer of the Church*

After each petition of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

After the final petition:

P Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### *Preface*

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### *Sanctus*

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that  
cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*Lord's Prayer*

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- C **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Words of Our Lord*


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- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Pax Domini*

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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C  **Amen.**

*Agnus Dei* 

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- C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Sit*

*Distribution*

*Distribution Hymns*

- “O God of God, O Light of Light”** #810
- “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”** #338
- “Prepare the Royal Highway”** #343

*Stand*


*Nunc Dimittis* 

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- C **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**



*Thanksgiving*

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- P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C  **and His mercy endureth forever.**
  
- P Let us pray.
- P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**


## Salutation and Benedicamus

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- P The Lord be with you.  
C  **And with thy spirit.**
- P Bless we the Lord.  
C  **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

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- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give  
you peace.
- C  **Amen, amen, amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

#361

Sit

*Announcements -After the announcements, please stand for  
the closing Doxology.*

**Doxology**

#805

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Go and Serve the Lord

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Greeters:	E - Dave McDermott & L- Paula & Terry Bossaller
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Brian McKenna E- Mike Kroehnke & L-Dennis Henneman
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00am: Sunday 10:30am: Jacob Roeglin
Christian Education:	Sunday 9:15 a.m. Adults, Young Adults, Youth, and Sunday School Wednesday morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

**Altar Flowers** - Are placed to the glory of God by the Koch family.

**2011 Altar Flower Chart** – We are in need of altar flowers for January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Scrip - It's not too late to get scrip cards for Christmas.** If you need Scrip cards for Christmas, make sure you get in touch with me **by Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Also, don't forget all the after Christmas Sales and New Year's celebrations! If you have any questions, give me a call. **Patti Henneman.**

Take a picture of a Christmas decoration which holds a special meaning for you and send it to [Thrivent.com/christmasspirit](http://Thrivent.com/christmasspirit) before **December 31**. Photos from Lutherans, coast to coast, will be displayed in a special album on Thrivent's Facebook page ([Thrivent.com/facebook](http://Thrivent.com/facebook)). Please include a story or sentiment as to why the decoration has a special place in your heart. Photos can be of tree ornaments, nativity scenes, yard lights or just plain fun. Didn't know Thrivent had a Facebook page? Check it out!

**Biggest Loser-** Week #11 – 5.4 lbs – Total- 81 lbs. **Way to go!**

**LWML Convention** – For those who wish to take the bus to Peoria, Ill in June, you will need to make reservations and a deposit of \$50.00 no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. More information will be on the LiGHTS table.

**BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR**  
**December 19 – December 26, 2010**

**TODAY:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**  
**With Holy Communion**  
9:15 a.m. **Sun. School & Bible Classes**  
**Sunday** 9:15 a.m. Adult Confirmation – Vicar's office  
**Dec. 19** 5:15 p.m. **Children's Christmas Service & Dinner**

**MONDAY:** 4:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation  
**Dec. 20**

**TUESDAY:**  
**Dec. 21**



**WEDNESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
**Dec. 22**

**THURSDAY:** 4:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation  
**Dec. 23** 7:00 p.m. Bd. Of Directors

**FRIDAY:** 7:00 & 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve w/ Holy Communion  
**Dec. 24** Office will be closed

**SATURDAY:** 9:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Worship Service**  
**with Holy Communion**  
**Dec. 25** No 6:00 p.m. Service

**NEXT** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**  
**Sunday**  
**Dec. 26** 9:15 a.m. Adult Confirmation – Vicar's office  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes

**Christmas Break** – Please note, there will be no youth confirmation  
December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Dec. 19**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**Romans 1:1-7:** By God's grace we, like St. Paul, have been called to lives of obedience and good works that demonstrate we are loved by God and called to be His saints. By God's grace we grow as maturing stewards who do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all we do!