

# 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 Second Sunday in Advent  
December 4, 2011*

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

# BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Second Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4, 2011

**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 “The Advent of Our King”**

**#331**

*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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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


- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**



- C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 P For this holy house and for all who offer here their  
 worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
 C **Amen.**

*Salutation and Collect of the Day*

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- P The Lord be with you.  
 C  **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.
- C **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way  
 of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we  
 may be enabled to serve You with pure minds;  
 through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who  
 lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
 God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

*Old Testament Reading*

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
 and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
 double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
 and every mountain and hill be made low;  
 the uneven ground shall become level,  
 and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
 and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”  
<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry!”  
 And I said, “What shall I cry?”  
 All flesh is grass,  
 and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.  
<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades  
 when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
 surely the people are grass.  
<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
 but the word of our God will stand forever.  
<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain,  
 O Zion, herald of good news;  
 lift up your voice with strength,  
 O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
 lift it up, fear not;  
 say to the cities of Judah,  
 “Behold your God!”  
<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
 and his arm rules for him;  
 behold, his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense before him.  
<sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
 he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
 he will carry them in his bosom,  
 and gently lead those that are with young.]

- A 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

2 Peter 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

*Alleluia and Verse* 

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C **Alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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

C  **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Nicene Creed (omit at 10:30 a.m.)*

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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*

*Baptismal Hymn (10:30 a.m.)*

*“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”*

*#592*

*Baptism*

*Children’s Message*

*Sermon Hymn “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*

*#344*

*Sermon*

*Offering*

*Stand*

*Offertory* 

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- © What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

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### *Preface* 🎵

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, 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 pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C **Amen.**

## *Lord's Prayer*

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- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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*


- 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.”

- P 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*

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Sit*

### *Distribution*

- “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” #348  
“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” #618  
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” #347

*Stand*

### *Post-Communion Canticle* “Thank the Lord” p. 164

- C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### *Post-Communion Collect*

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- 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.**

### **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you  
peace.

C  **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn “Prepare the Royal Highway”**

#343

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.**

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The Preacher

Pastor Matthew Roeglin

The Liturgist:

Vicar Eric Ekong

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Mr. Kenneth Butherus

Greeters:

E- Jan Hawkins & L- Dave McDermott

Elder Greeters:

Saturday: Brian McKenna

E- Mike Kroehnke & L- Ray Radford

Acolytes: Sunday 8:00 am: Renee’ Rhyne

Sunday 10:30 am: Alexis Kerans

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 by Julie, Cory, Brittany & Alexis in celebration of Bob's birthday and for God's many blessings.



**Baptized into Christ**  
**Samuel Blanchard**  
Born: October 6  
Baptized: December 4  
*Son of Michael & Amanda*

**Poinsettia's** –Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day to order a Poinsettia. Order forms are on the table in fellowship hall.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS**

***All children ages 0 – youth groups are encouraged to participate.***

Today, Sunday, Dec. 4 from 12:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (possibly lunch break from 12-12:30, and then practice from 12:30 – 1:30).

**Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Performance Day**

**5:30 p.m.** – parents drop off kids and enjoy hors d'oeuvres as kids get ready.

**6:00-7:00 p.m.** – *Children's Christmas Service*

**7:00 p.m.** – Dinner, dessert and Christmas carols. (We are looking into providing child care, so that the kids can play and be supervised and parents can also enjoy themselves.)

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call Sandy Radford or Becky Daengsurisri.

**BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR**  
**December 4, – December 11, 2011**

**TODAY:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**  
**Sunday** with Holy Communion  
9:15 a.m. **Sunday School & Bible Classes**  
9:15 a.m. **Youth Confirmation Classes**  
**Dec. 4** 12:00 p.m. **Voter's Assembly**

**MONDAY:**  
**Dec. 5**

**TUESDAY:** 6:30 p.m. **Adult Bible Study (McKenna)**  
7:00 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal**  
**Dec. 6** 7:00 p.m. **Hand Bells**

**WEDNESDAY:** 10:00 a.m. **Sunshine Club**  
4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. **Advent Worship Service**  
5:30 p.m. **Advent Dinner**  
**Dec. 7**

**THURSDAY** 6:30 p.m. **LiGHTS**  
**Dec. 8** 7:00 p.m. **Elders**

**FRIDAY:** **Pastor & Vicar – Day with family**  
**Dec. 9**

**SATURDAY:** 7:00 a.m. **MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's**  
**Dec. 10** 6:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

**NEXT** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**  
**SUNDAY** 9:15 a.m. **Sunday School & Bible Classes**  
9:15 a.m. **Youth Confirmation Classes**  
**Dec. 11** 12:00 p.m. **Youth Group Activities**

**Sunshine Club Reminder - December 7th meeting** - Don't forget to bring your white elephant item, \$5.00 for missions and money towards the sub-sandwiches.



*You are Invited to*

*LIGHTS CHRISTMAS PARTY*  
*Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30*  
*PM*

*We are inviting all the ladies of the congregation to join us to celebrate the birth of our Lord. We will be presenting a special Happy Birthday Jesus Cake and we will all light candles around it.*

*We will also exchange tree ornaments with each other.*

*Cake and punch provided. Please bring one appetizer with you to share.*

*Ladies may bring your daughter or granddaughter. Babysitting will be provided for the younger children.*



**December 11<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group Activity Reminders** - after late service we will go to the St. Louis Mills. Please bring \$3.00 to purchase items for ornaments. We will prepare for the Advent Dinner along with a Christmas celebration. Parents, please pick up your children by 4:00 p.m. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, we will need to have both youth and parents set up and prepare for the Advent Dinner. Please be at church by 3:30 p.m. On December 18<sup>th</sup> we will need to have the youth help with serving of the Christmas by Candlelight dinner. Please plan to have the youth remain after the 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service. Thank you.



### **SCRIP cards for Christmas**

To make sure you get your cards in time for Christmas, please order December 4 & December 11. Orders are placed every Tuesday morning in order to be here by the following Sunday. You can e-mail your order to me or call me. Thanks to everyone who ordered last week. Blessed Savior made \$153.00. Thanks again. Patti Henneman.

**Job Opportunity** - Full-time nanny to handicap church member. You would help give medicine 3 times a day and transport to and from workshop during the day. Details and salary are provided by calling Dana Preis at 681-2793.

**Grace Chapel is looking for a part-time school custodian**, late afternoon or evening hours, 9 to 12 hours per week. For more information call Eric at 314-867-6564 ext. 21. Applications are available in the school office.

Watch and wait with joyful expectation! St. Peter reminded the people of his day and us as well that the Lord will come again to receive His people into a new heaven and a new earth where we will live in peace and righteousness forever. May God's Spirit bless us so that we may live lives worthy of our high calling as stewards of all that God has given to us to manage for His purposes.