

**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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 11, 2011*

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The Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11, 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.

**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.

***Divine Service 3*** *p. 184*

***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 “Come, We That Love the Lord”*** *#669*

*Stand*

**Confession and Absolution** *p. 184*

*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.*

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

Psalm 80:1-7 (antiphon: v. 7)



Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
**and grant us your sal- | vation.**

Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\*  
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let  
them not turn back to | folly.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
**that glory may dwell | in our land.**

Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,\*  
**and our land will yield its | increase.**

Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
**and make his foot- | steps a way.**

**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.**

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
**and grant us your sal- | vation.**


Kyrie 

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.  
C  **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

- C Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

*Old Testament Reading*

*Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11*

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful  
headdress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

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*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.


<sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but  
test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form  
of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,  
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is  
faithful; he will surely do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

C  **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia**

*Holy Gospel*

*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

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

C  **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>19</sup>And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

<sup>22</sup>So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

<sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

- I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

*Mite Box Sunday*

*Children's Message*

*Sermon Hymn "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" #345*

*Sermon*

*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 Let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*After the final petition:*

P Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## *Lord's Prayer*

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.**

## *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*

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.**

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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	Acolytes: Sunday 8:00 am: Maria Koop Sunday 10:30 am: Noah McClure
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 memorial fund.

**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.

**BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR**  
**December 11, – December 18, 2011**

- TODAY:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**  
**Sunday** 9:15 a.m. **Sunday School & Bible Classes**  
**Mite Box** 9:15 a.m. **Youth Confirmation Classes**  
**Dec. 11** 12:00 p.m. **Youth Group Activities**
- MONDAY:**  
**Dec. 12**
- TUESDAY:** 6:30 p.m. **Adult Bible Study (McKenna)**  
7:00 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal**  
**Dec. 13** 7:00 p.m. **Hand Bells**
- WEDNESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. **Adult Bible Study**  
**Dec. 14** 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. **Advent Worship Service**  
5:30 p.m. **Advent Dinner - Youth**
- THURSDAY** ***Newsletter Deadline***  
**Dec. 15**
- FRIDAY:** **Pastor & Vicar – Day with family**  
**Dec. 16**
- SATURDAY:** 7:00 a.m. **MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's**  
10:00 a.m. **Children's Rehearsal**  
**Dec. 17** 6:00 p.m. **Worship Service with Holy Communion**
- NEXT** 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. 18** 6:00 p.m. **Children's Christmas Service (5:30 pm**  
appetizers and 7:00 p.m. dinner)



**CHILDREN CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**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.)*

Please feel free to bring your family, neighbors and friends! If you should have any questions, please feel free to call Sandy Radford or Becky Daengsurisri.

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**SCRIP Cards for Christmas?** Order TODAY, December 11, to make sure they are here for Christmas. Thanks to everyone that has made this a great month for SCRIP cards.

Lowes is offering 6% on the cards purchased until December 23, 2011. If you plan to do home decorating, buy flowers in the spring now is a good time to get your Lowes cards.

Questions? Call Patti Henneman. Contact me by Monday evening . I send the orders to SCRIP before 9 a.m. on Tuesdays.

**Please check your mailbox** as there are Christmas cards, the December Beacon and other items in them.

**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.

**Dec. 11 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24:**

Watch and wait with joyful expectation! Our God of peace will be with us and keep us safe and blameless in body, soul and spirit as we wait for our Lord's glorious coming again to rescue His people—His stewards—from all the pain and tears that come with living in this fallen world. Live today as if our Lord is coming again tonight or tomorrow.