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Christmas Day
December 25, 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 service today. 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

“Hark, The Herald Angels Sing”

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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.

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.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done | marvelous things!*

***His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salva- | tion for him.***

Kyrie 🎵

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

Gloria in Excelsis 🎵

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P **Glory be to God on High,**
C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy
great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the
Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy
upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive
our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

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 **Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-
begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the
bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,**

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a

C **To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

Handbells "Carol of the Bells"

Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to

us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.


C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

p. 190

P Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.

C  **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

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

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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

p. 191

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 (Handbells "Away In a Manger")

Sermon Hymn

"We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth"

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory 

p. 192

**C 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 We pray.

C **Hear us, Prince of Peace**

After the final petition:

P Trusting in Your redemption, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

p. 194

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

p. 195

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

p. 196

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. 197

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

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

Agnus Dei

p. 198

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

(Handbells “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”)

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” #618

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” #637

“Your Table I Approach” #628

Stand

Nunc Dimittis  p.199

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 p.200

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 p.201


P The Lord be with you.

C  **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord.
C  **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

p.202

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 “Joy to the World”

#387

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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Saturday, December 31
7:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve Worship Service
With Holy Communion

Sunday, January 1, 2011
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes
No Confirmation Classes



POINSETTIA'S

Are placed on the altar by the following members.

CURT & DENISE JOELLENBECK

In LOVING MEMORY OF OUR SON, PAUL

DEBBY, RENEE & JESSE RHYNE

BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

JO MCCUTCHEON

In MEMORY OF James McCutcheon & Marcia Creely

RAY & CHERYL EHRHARD

*In MEMORY OF LOVED ONES AND IN THANKFULNESS FOR THE GIFT OF
Jesus*

BOSSALLER FAMILY

To THE GLORY OF GOD

OKONG FAMILY

May GOD BLESS YOU!

WALTER & AUDREY LANG

In LOVING MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

DONNA MILLER

Thanks BE TO GOD

JOYCE MEYER

GOD'S BLESSINGS!

RON MARCHANT

In LOVING MEMORY TO MY WIFE.

BILL & JAN SCHEER

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



POINSETTIA'S

ANITA BUCKERUS

JOY TO THE WORLD!

KEN & EFFIE BUCKERUS

Let Us ALL MIX Gladsome Voice!

HELMICH FAMILY

Have a Blessed Holiday!

ANITA & WARREN IXMS

Peace be WITH YOU!

DALE & EILEEN MONTONYE

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Amber

Graduated from McClure North

on December 15, 2011

Daughter of Ken & Julie

Youth Group Fundraiser - Do you need some last minute gifts? Are you in need of some great stocking stuffers? Blessed Savior Junior and Senior Youth groups are selling calendars, pocket calendars and magnetic note pads. The large calendars and pocket calendars sell for \$6.00 each. The notepads are just \$4.00. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund their summer trips next year. If you have questions or can't get in touch with a youth member, please contact Cheryl Ehrhard. Thank you so much for you support of the youth of Blessed Savior.

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 25, 2011 – January 1, 2012

TODAY: 9:00 a.m. Christmas Worship Service
SUNDAY With Holy Communion
Dec. 25

MONDAY:
Dec. 26

TUESDAY: 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 27 **NO** 7:00 p.m. Hand Bells

WEDNESDAY: 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Dec. 28 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Call Brian

THURSDAY
Dec. 29

FRIDAY: **Office Closed**
Dec. 30

SATURDAY: 7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's
Dec. 31 7:00 p.m. **New Year's Eve Worship**
Service with Holy Communion

NEXT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
SUNDAY with Holy Communion
Jan. 1 9:15 a.m. **SS/Adult Bible Study – No Confirmation**



Linny Ann
Born: December 20
7:33 a.m.
Daughter of: Sem. Calvin & Melissa



Luke
Born: December 16
3:46 p.m. – 8 lb. 5 oz. – 21” long
Son of: Rev. Willis & Alicia



Frederick Joseph Fontana
12/1/1924 – 12/16/2011

Fred was called to God's heavenly rest from his earthly home on Friday, December 16th. Funeral service was held at Archway Memorial on December 21, 2011.

We remember Gina, Andrew and his family in our prayers.

Blessed Savior Workshop
“Making Abortion Unthinkable”
Saturday, February 4th, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The workshop will include video-based presentations as well as discussions segments. Dr. Jeff Gibbs, professor of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary, will serve as the moderator for the workshop. Seminarian James Conrad (Life Team Leader) and Vicar Eric Ekong will assist Dr. Gibbs in exploring the question of **abortion** with regard to clear, focused apologetics and human reason at its best.

The workshop will strengthen and clarify understanding for those who attend, as well as equip them to speak winsomely, even to non-Christians, on behalf of the unborn. The workshop is suitable for adults and older teens. Each participant will also receive a helpful manual of materials.

Pre-registration by Jan. 28 is required. The registration cost for “Making **Abortion** Unthinkable” is \$10 which includes materials.

For more information or to register for:

“Making **Abortion** Unthinkable,” call [314-831-1300](tel:314-831-1300) or email vicar@blessedsavior-lcms.org. Blessed Savior is located at 2615 Shackelford Rd., Florissant, MO 63031.

Dec. 25

Christmas Day

Hebrews 1:1-6:

When God wanted to let the world know what was really in His heart He didn't simply send another prophet but instead sent His only-begotten Son to be born as a human being of the Virgin Mary. God's most precious Christmas gift moves us to show our joy and gratitude in works of love. Christian stewards do good things, not to earn God's favor, but as a response to His extravagant love and gift of a Savior.