

**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 9, 2012*

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

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Second Sunday in Advent

Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012

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 1

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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 “Comfort Comfort Ye My People”

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Stand

Confession and Absolution

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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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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. 81:8, 10-11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b



The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:*

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths
straight.”**

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!*

O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the
land of | Egypt.*

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

“But my people did not listen | to my voice;*

Israel would not sub- | mit to me.

Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,*

that Israel would walk | in my ways!

**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.

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:*

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths
straight.”**

Kyrie 

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us
pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray
to the Lord.

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.**

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

Malachi 3:1-7b

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.

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

Philippians 1:2-11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- 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

Luke 3:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

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

Apostles' Creed (omit at 8:00 a.m.)

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C **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.**

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Adult Confirmation (8:00 a.m.)

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Mite Box Sunday

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" #344

Sermon

Offering

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Offertory

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- C **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 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.**

Benediction

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- 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 “Hark the Glad Sound”

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Announcements

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

Doxology

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***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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The Preacher:	Pastor Matthew Roeglin
The Liturgist:	Vicar Matthew Peters
Dir. of Music:	Mr. Kenneth Butherus
Greeters:	E – Dale & Eileen Montonya & L- Paula Bossaller
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Brian McKenna E- Jim Steinbruegge & L- Dennis Henneman
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Renee’ Rhyne Sunday 10:30am: Shelby Croghan
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 Ben Hilderbrand to the Glory of God and His many blessings.

Altar Flowers - Are placed in memory of Darleen Mueller on Jule's 89th birthday, (December 6th) and for the numerous blessings received.

Confirmed in Christ



Heather Wade

December 9, 2012

God's Richest Blessings to you and your family



Adorn the Church - 22 Poinsettia's have been reserved from the greenhouse. **The cost is \$7.00. Five Poinsettia's are left.** If you would like to order a Poinsettia, please sign up on the order form located in fellowship hall. Orders will be taken through December 16th.

Thank You to everyone who came and helped decorate the Church. Your time given was very much appreciated.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY ST. LOUIS - will hold its annual Advent Lessons and Carols on Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on Concordia Seminary's campus. *Pro Musica Sacra*, directed by Rev. Stephen Rosebrock and Jodi Kratzer, will sing several Advent and Christmas carols, including: *Rejoice in the Lord Always*, *Never Weather-beaten Sail*, *The Advent Prose*, *What Sweeter Music*, *Mary's Lullaby*, and *Salvation is Created*. They will also lead the congregation in favorite Advent hymns.

Advent Lessons and Carols is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, please call 314-505-7020 or email rosebrocks@csf.edu.

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 9 – December 16, 2012

TODAY: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
Sunday 9:15 a.m. **Sun. School, Confirmation & Bible Studies**
Dec. 9 **NO** 12:00 p.m. **Youth Group**

MONDAY: 10 a.m. **Circuit Meeting at Zion**
Dec. 10

TUESDAY: 6:30 p.m. **Bible Study – Brian McKenna**
Dec. 11

WEDNESDAY: 9:30 a.m. **Adult Bible Study**
4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. **Wed. Advent Service**
Dec. 12 5:30 p.m. **Dinner – LiGHTS**

THURSDAY: 6:30 p.m. **Elders**
Shut In Visits
Dec. 13 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

FRIDAY: Pastor & Vicar Day with Family
Dec. 14 7:00 p.m. **Movie – “The Elf”**

SATURDAY: 7:00 a.m. **MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's**
6:00 p.m. **Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Dec. 15 7:00 p.m. **LiGHTS**

NEXT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
SUNDAY with **Holy Communion**
9:15 a.m. **Sun. School, Confirmation & Bible Classes**
5:00 p.m. **Children's Christmas Service**
Dec. 16 6:00 p.m. **Candlelight Dinner**



Sunday, December 16th

Program: 5:00 p.m. (*children be here by 4:40 p.m.*)

Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Dinner by Candlelight

- Practices in Sunday School
- Thurs. Dec 13th - Dress Rehearsal 7-8 pm



**“A Taste of Blessed Savior”
Cookbooks have arrived!**

For those who pre-ordered cookbooks, they are in Paula’s office. If you would like one or more, order forms are on the table in Fellowship Hall. The cost per book is \$10.00. If you are writing a check, please make it to Blessed Savior and mark in the memo line “cookbook”. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ehrhard.

The National Lutheran Choir Returns to St. Louis for its Annual Christmas Festival - For the fifth consecutive year, the National Lutheran Choir will be presenting the mystery, awe and tradition of sacred music inspired by the message of Christmas. This year's program delves into both musical treasures of the past and contemporary gems, while delivering an experience that NLC audiences have come to love and expect.

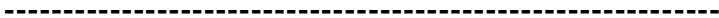
MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT: CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

Saturday, December 15, 2 and 5pm

Tickets: \$25 Adult | \$20 Student

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Mid-Week Advent Service
Wednesday, December 12th
4:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.



Advent
SUPPER
Dinner at 5:30 p.m
Hosted by: LiGHTS

Salem Youth Group - invites all Junior, Senior and College age singles for some free food, fun, and games on January 4th from 6-11 p.m. at the Salem Old Schoolhouse. Please let the church office know by December 19th and Paula will let Salem know how many plan to attend.

Church Telephone Directory Information Change – Please call the church office for Sandy Radford's cell number.

December 9

2ND Sunday in Advent

Luke 21:34 “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.” We are weighed down with the cares of this life when we worry. And worry multiplies the more we covet, the more we desire what others have. But Jesus calls us to trust him and to be content, which is the opposite of coveting. This is why God commands us to be generous in our stewardship: it teaches us to trust Him and to be content with what He has given us.

