

# 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.”*

*Third Sunday in Advent  
December 16, 2012*

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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## Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, Dec. 15 and Sunday, Dec. 16, 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.

**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**

**“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”**

#737

**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. 146:5-8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4



Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*

**again I will say, | Rejoice.**

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob, \*

**whose hope is in the | LORD his God,**

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them, \*

**who keeps faith for- | ever;**

who executes justice for | the oppressed, \*

**who gives food to the | hungry.\***

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.\*

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.**

**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.**

Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*

**again I will say, | Rejoice.**

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.**

*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 **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*

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

- <sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
 shout, O Israel!  
 Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
 O daughter of Jerusalem!
- <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
 he has cleared away your enemies.  
 The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
 you shall never again fear evil.
- <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
 "Fear not, O Zion;  
 let not your hands grow weak.
- <sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst,  
 a mighty one who will save;  
 he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.

<sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,  
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal  
with all your oppressors.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in,  
at the time when I gather you together;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes," says the LORD.

- 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 4:4-7*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- 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 7:18-28*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.
- C  **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>24</sup>When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

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

<sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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

○ 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 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" #345*

*Sermon*

*Offering*

*Stand*

*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.**

*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

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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."
- 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* 

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- 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*

*Distribution Hymns*

- “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* #338
- “Hark the Glad Sound”* #349
- “The Advent of Our King”* #331

*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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- A Let us pray.
- A 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**

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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 “In Thee Is Gladness”**

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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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Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Brian McKenna E- Gary Pohlmann & L- Dave McDermott
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Maria Koop Sunday 10:30am: 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 Wade, Tammy, and Cassidy Gergen in celebration of Brendan’s 12<sup>th</sup> birthday and for all of God’s blessings.

**BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR**  
**December 16 – December 23, 2012**

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

**MONDAY:** Shut In Visits  
**Dec. 17**

**TUESDAY:** 6:30 p.m. Bible Study – Brian McKenna  
**Dec. 18**

**WEDNESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Wed. Advent Service  
**Dec. 19** 5:30 p.m. Dinner – MOBS

**THURSDAY:** Shut In Visits  
**Dec. 20**

**FRIDAY:** Pastor & Vicar Day with Family  
**Dec. 21**

**SATURDAY:** 7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's  
**Dec. 22** 6:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

**NEXT** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**  
**SUNDAY** 9:15 a.m. Sun. School, Confirmation & Bible Classes  
**Dec. 23**



**Come Join Us Tonight!**  
**Sunday, December 16th**

**Program: 5:00 p.m. (children be here by 4:40 p.m.)**  
**Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Dinner by Candlelight**

Take time out of your busy, hectic schedules and come and hear the birth of our Savior, sing hymns and give thanks to God for our salvation. Then join us afterwards for some great fun, food and fellowship.

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**“A Taste of Blessed Savior”**  
**Cookbooks have arrived and they’re going fast!!**

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.

**Mid-Week Advent Service** - Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. \*Dinner at 5:30 p.m hosted by: MOBS

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

**All 22 Poinsettia's have been taken!** Thank you all for your support. If you have not yet paid, please do so this weekend. If you are writing a check, please make it out to Blessed Savior Lights and mark Poinsettia. Thank you.

**2013 Altar Flower Chart is available** – If you would like to sign up for flowers for January or any other month, please do so on the chart available in back of church. Thank you everyone for last year's support in glorifying God's altar.

**Church Telephone Directory Information Change** – Please change Sandy Radford.

**Volunteers are needed to help clean Church-** this will consist of the bathrooms, dusting and glass door cleaning. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on the form in fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please call Dennis Henneman. Thank you.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Missionary offering** will go to Rev. John Muhly who is working in Russia. The offering will be taken Dec. 23 & 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep all our missionaries that we support in your prayers.



## MISSION TRIP - GUATEMALA

The Outreach committee is putting together a team from Blessed Savior to participate in a cross-cultural immersion trip to Guatemala May 18 – 25. The group will work on-site with missionaries from Groundwork Guatemala and will be part of a mission team that is going from Concordia Seminary. Space is limited and is on a first-come basis.

Groundwork Guatemala works with people in Guatemala who have little or no means of supporting themselves, bringing the Living Word of Jesus Christ to the lost and discipling the found to a life of service through the study of God's Word, mission teams, children's activities, medical care and personal relationships. Mission teams serve with the Guatemalan ministry team, sharing God's love with the people of Guatemala.

Cost is approximately \$1,000 (including airfare), and includes lodging and transportation. The mission team will conduct fundraising for the trip. To sign up or if you need more information contact Vicar Peters at the church office (314-831-1300); by email at [matthewpeters@aol.com](mailto:matthewpeters@aol.com) or drop by the office.

We ask for your prayers in support of this endeavor.

December 16

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

**Psalm 80:1** “Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!” Rejoice – for the Lord is your Shepherd, you shall not want. All through the Scriptures God uses this image of the Shepherd to express His love and care for you. Is there anything you could lack with God as your Shepherd? Would the Lord tell you to do anything that is to your harm since you are his little lamb? Then trust in Him in all things and find peace.