

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 Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 23, 2012*

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

Saturday, Dec. 22 and Sunday, Dec. 23, 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 “Praise the Almighty”

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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 1 Sam. 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b- 47



My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*

and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior,

My mouth derides my | enemies,*

because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.

There is none holy | like the LORD;*

**there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our
God.**

The barren has borne | seven,*

but she who has many children | is forlorn.

The LORD kills and | brings to life;*

he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.

The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;*

he brings low and | he exalts.

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.

My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*

and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior,

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 Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the
strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

⁵And he shall be their peace.

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

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O
God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 1:39-45

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

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

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

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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.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs.1-4 #357

Sermon

Responsive "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs.5-7 #357

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.**

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 “My Soul Rejoices”

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Announcements

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

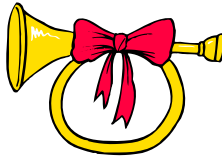
Doxology

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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 Liturgist:	Vicar Matthew Peters
Dir. of Music:	Mr. Kenneth Butherus
Greeters:	E – Debbie Haynes & L- Paula Bossaller
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Brian McKenna
	E- Mike Kroehnke & L- Terry Bossaller
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Zach Helmich
	Sunday 10:30am: Zach Roeglin
Christian Education:	Sunday 9:15 a.m. Adults, Young Adults, Youth, and Sunday School
	Wednesday morning Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.



December 24th Christmas Eve Worship Service - Come at 6:45 p.m. and enjoy listening to the Prelude Music before the 7:00 p.m. Service. The following adults and children have put together some wonderful music for you to enjoy.

Director/Singer: Retha Taylor

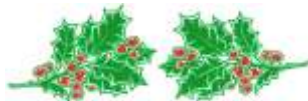
1st Trumpet: Pastor Roeglin & Bradley Taylor

2nd Trumpet/Guitar: Leslie Beach, Zach Roeglin, Zach Helmich

Trombone: Luke Peters;

Piano: Pat Janovsky; Flute: Rachel Ehrhard;

Handbells/Singer: Karla Roeglin;



BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 23 – December 30, 2012

TODAY: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
Sunday 9:15 a.m. Sun. School, Confirmation & Bible Studies
Dec. 23

MONDAY: 7:00 (6:45 Prelude Music) & 11:00 p.m. **Christmas**
Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion
Dec. 24 OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY: 9:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Worship Service**
With Holy Communion
Dec. 25 OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY: NO 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Dec. 26 NO 6:30 p.m. Brian McKenna- will resume Wed. Jan 2

THURSDAY: 6:45 p.m. **All Boards Devotion**
7:00 p.m. **All Boards Meeting**
Dec. 27 8:00 p.m. **Board of Directors**

FRIDAY: Pastor - Vacation
Dec. 28 Vicar – Day with Family

SATURDAY: 7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's
Dec. 29 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. 30

Pastor will be on vacation starting Dec. 25 after service and will be back Monday, December 31. If you need anything, please call Vicar or Paula in the church office.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There will be NO Adult Bible Study on Wednesday, December 26th at 9:30 a.m. Thank you.



Are you looking for a last minute Christmas gift? Why not give a "Taste of Blessed Savior" cookbook. There are many wonderful recipes included in the book, many that have been served at some of our delicious church dinners. Quantities are limited so hurry if you would like to get one. Books are available by calling Cheryl Ehrhard or contact Paula in the church office. Merry Christmas!

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.

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.

5th Sunday Missionary offering will go to Rev. John Muhly who is working in Russia. The offering will be taken Dec. 30th. 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 or drop by the office.

We ask for your prayers in support of this endeavor.

December 23

4th Sunday in Advent

Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Paul says that the way to chase off anxiety and worry is with prayer: both requesting and thanking God for His gifts. Every gift we have is from him. That's the starting point for our stewardship as well: everything we have is a gift of God.