

# 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 8, 2013*

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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**The Second Sunday in Advent**

**Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8, 2013**

**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* *p.151*

*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*  
*“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”* *#344*

*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.**



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*

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;

their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the  
adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal  
for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting  
place shall be glorious.

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*

*Romans 15:4-13*

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for  
our instruction, that through endurance and through the  
encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the  
God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such  
harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that  
together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has  
welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the  
circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the  
promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles  
might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,

and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup>And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

*Alleluia and Verse* 🎵

C **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Holy Gospel*

*Matthew 3:1-12*

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

C 🎵 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”


<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

<sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume 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. <sup>10</sup>Even 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.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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*

*Mite Box Sunday*

*Children's Message*

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

*Sermon*

*Responsive Hymn*

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

*vs. 5-7 #357*

*Offering*

*Stand*

*Offertory.* 🎵

- 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 Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.

### *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 “Once He Came in Blessing”*

*#333*

### *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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Greeters:	E –Dale & Eileen Montonye & L- Mary Bremer
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Jim Steinbruegge & L-Dennis Henneman
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Zach Helmich Sunday 10:30 a.m.: Zach Roeglin
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 Jule Mueller in celebration of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and for God's many blessings.

**Advent Devotional's from Lutheran Hour Ministries** are available on the table in the Narthex.

**Member Mailbox in Fellowship Hall** – All Beacons, Christmas cards and correspondence will be placed in your box, so please check it every Sunday. If you do not see your name, please let the church office know. Thank You.

**Thank You** - The Ladies of Concordia Seminary Guild would like to thank the congregation of Blessed Savior for their generous donation of 151 bars of Soap for this year's new 'single seminary students'.

**Thank You** – for all of your thoughts, prayers and help in the loss of my father. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by my family and me. God Bless, Nancy, Ted Stocker & Family.

**BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR**  
**December 8, 2013 – December 15, 2013**

**TODAY:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**  
**SUNDAY** 9:15 a.m. SS, Adult Bible Classes, Confirmation Classes  
**Mite Box** 12:00 p.m. **Voter's Assembly**  
12:00 p.m. **Youth**  
12:00 p.m. **Turn in items for shut in baskets**

**Dec. 8** 5:30 p.m. **LiGHTS – Christmas Party**

**MONDAY:** 9:00 a.m. Winkel – Pastor & Vicar  
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study (McKenna)  
7:00 p.m. Bd. Of Property

**Dec. 9** Troop #3774

**TUESDAY:** 6:30 p.m. MOBS

**Dec. 10**

**WEDNESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**Dec. 11** 4:30 & 7:00 p.m. **Advent Service – 5:30 Dinner- LiGHTS**

**THURSDAY:** 7:00 p.m. Elders  
Shut Ins

**Dec. 12** ***Newsletter Deadline***

**FRIDAY:** Pastor & Vicar - Day with family

**Dec. 13** 6:00 p.m. **Dress Rehearsal**

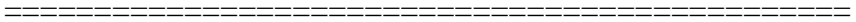
**SATURDAY:** 7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's

**Dec. 14** 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. SS, Adult Bible Classes, Confirmation Classes  
12:00 p.m. Stewardship

**Dec. 15            5:15 p.m. Christmas by Candlelight, 6pm Concert**  
**Poinsettia orders November 23<sup>rd</sup> thru December 15<sup>th</sup>-**  
**Adorn the Church** - The cost is \$6.00. If you are writing a  
check, please make it out to: Blessed Savior Lights and in the  
memo line mark Poinsettia. Thank You.

**Youth Fundraiser - Do you need desserts for your holiday**  
**meals?** The Youth will be selling desserts that will be delivered  
in time for your holiday gatherings. Thank you for your support of  
the Blessed Savior Jr. and Sr. High youth! Sales will benefit the  
trip to Higher Things next July.



## **Christmas by Candlelight...**

Celebrating the Birth of Our Savior with a  
Night of Carols, Songs, and God-Given  
Talent!

**Sunday – December 15, 2013 at**  
**Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

5:15 p.m. - Appetizers (Fellowship Hall – Please  
bring  
an appetizer to share, or just come and  
enjoy!)  
Children’s Warm-Up Time (Large Sunday  
School room)

6:00 p.m. - Talent Concert (Church Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m.- Or immediately following the Talent  
concert...  
Dinner and Dessert (Fellowship Hall) –  
featuring extra talent and the Gospel  
message  
of Christmas!

**Dec. 8**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**Matthew 3:1-2**

“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out his disciples to preach “repentance and the forgiveness of sins.” We never outgrow the need for repentance – for examining our lives, turning away from our pet sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.