

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 Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2013*

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The Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15, 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.

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 “The Advent of Our King”

#331

Stand

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.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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. 71:14-18; antiphon: Phil. 4:4



Rejoice in the Lord | always;*

again I will say, | Rejoice.

I will hope con- | tinually*

and will praise you yet | more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day,*

for their number is past my | knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD | I will come;*

I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have | taught me,*

and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me,*

until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all | those to come.

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 

p. 186

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.
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 **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

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

James 5:7-11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we

consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse 🎵

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- C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-15

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.
- C 🎵 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, 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? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

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

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has

suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

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

Nicene Creed

p. 158

- 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

Sermon Hymn "The Desert Shall Rejoice" Walter Mack

The desert shall rejoice,
Shall blossom and be glad,
And raise a joyful voice
At being richly clad
In splendor bright;
The glory of, the Lord above
Who dwells in light!

Then strengthen feeble hands
And steady weakened knees;
Await Him Who commands
And orders destinies!
Be strong! Be brave!
And do not fear, for God is near,
And He will save!

The blinded eyes shall see;
The deafened ears shall hear;
The mute shout joyfully,
The lame leap like a deer!
The burning sand,
Will be a pool, and growth the rule,
Throughout the land!

A highway shall be there;
The Way of Holiness;
The wicked will not share
Nor on this Way trespass!
For this is sure,
There none is seen, who is unclean,
None but the pure!

The ransomed of the Lord
To Zion shall return,
That citadel adored
For which redeem'd saints yearn;
Eternal joy
Their heads will crown! Glad songs resound
Without alloy!

The Lord shall come again!
Await Him patiently;
As farmers look for rain,
So should your waiting be,
In Godly fear,
As prophets bold, did wait of old;
His coming's near!

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

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- Ⓒ **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:

- Ⓔ Let us pray to the Lord.
Ⓒ **Lord, have mercy.**

After the final petition:

P One God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface 🎵

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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, 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 🎵

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

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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."

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

“Praise the Almighty”

797

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

#849

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

#515

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

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

- C  **and His mercy endureth forever.**

- 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.**

Salutation and Benedicamus

p. 201

- P The Lord be with you.


- C  **And with thy spirit.**

- A 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 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #338

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 -Nikki Shea & L- Don & Ruth Woodson
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Gary Pohlmann & L-Terry Bossaller
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Maria Koop Sunday 10:30 a.m: Brendan Gergen
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 for His many blessings.

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

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 15 2013 – December 22, 2013

TODAY: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
SUNDAY with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. **SS, Confirmation & Adult Bible Classes**
12:00 p.m. **Stewardship**

Dec. 15 5:15 p.m. **Christmas by Candlelight, 6 p.m. Concert**

MONDAY: 6:30 p.m. **Adult Bible Study (McKenna)**
Troop #3774

Dec. 16 Shut In

TUESDAY:

Dec. 17

WEDNESDAY: 9:30 a.m. **Adult Bible Study**
Dec. 18 4:30 & 7:00 p.m. **Advent Service – 5:30 Dinner Youth**

THURSDAY: 7:00 p.m. **Christian Ed**
Troop #2558

Dec. 19 Shut In

FRIDAY: Pastor & Vicar - Day with family
Dec. 20

SATURDAY: 7:00 a.m. **MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's**
Dec. 21 6:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

NEXT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. **SS, Adult Bible Classes, Confirmation Classes**
Dec. 22

Member Mailbox in Fellowship Hall – Please remember to check for Christmas cards and other information in your mailboxes. If your name is not there, please let the church office know. Thank you.

Poinsettia orders - There are 7 Poinsettia's remaining. Today is the last day to sign up. **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.

Shut In Baskets - Thank you to everyone who baked cookies or brought in fruit for the baskets. Thank you to the children for making such beautiful ornaments and to those who delivered the baskets to our shut ins. God's Blessings

Youth Fundraiser - There is a TJ Dessert sign up sheet in fellowship hall. If you would like to place an order for a dessert for the holiday's – now's the time! Thank you for your support of the Blessed Savior Jr. and Sr. High youth! Sales will benefit the trip to Higher Things next July.

Volunteers needed – If you would like to help Usher, be a Greeter or be on the prayer chain, there is a sign up sheet in fellowship hall. Thank you for considering serving in these areas.



**Friday, December 20 at 6 p.m.
meet in fellowship hall**

We will meet at church and carpool to various homes and/or nursing homes to spread some Christmas cheer through Christmas carols. Afterward, we will go back to church and enjoy Christmas Cookies, coffee, and hot cocoa (and maybe some more caroling, too)! 😊

- All ages welcome!
- Bring a friend!
- Dress for the weather.
- Bring a plate of cookies or a dessert to share afterwards.

Don't Miss Out....



THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

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. 15

3RD Sunday in Advent

Matthew 11:10

“This is he of whom it is written, " Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.” 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.