

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 22, 2013*

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The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 21 and Sunday, December 22, 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
“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” *#350*

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. 130:5–8; antiphon: Is. 64:1



Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,*
that the mountains might quake at your | presence.

I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*

and in his | word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the |
morning,*

more than watchmen for the | morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is |
steadfast love,*

and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

And he will redeem | Israel*

from all his in- | iquities.

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.

Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,*

that the mountains might quake at your | presence.

Kyrie

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

Isaiah 7:10-17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

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 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

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

- 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

Matthew 1:18-25

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.
- C 🎵 **Glory to You, O Lord.**


¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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"

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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 Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”#341

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 David Rolf
The Organist:	Mr. Kenneth Butherus
Greeters:	E –Debbie Haynes & L- Ben Hilderbrand
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Mike Kroehnke & L-Dave McDermott
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Renee' Rhyne Sunday 10:30 a.m.: Zach 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 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.

Thank You – to Karla Roeglin for directing the Christmas by Candlelight Concert. It was a wonderful concert full of great talent from our congregation! Also, a special thank you to Pam Taylor, Donna Boyd, Rev. Weise, Ken Butherus, Leslie Beach & Retha Taylor, Jake, Zach & Joshua Roeglin for all their hard work in assisting in the performances and details of the concert.

Thank you to John & Linda Martin in the wonderful supper and to Pat Janovsky, Ted & Nancy Stocker for the dinner set up. It was truly a wonderful evening!

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 22, 2013 – December 29, 2013

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

MONDAY: 6:30 p.m. **Adult Bible Study (McKenna)**
Dec. 23

TUESDAY: 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Worship**
Service with Holy Communion
Dec. 24 **OFFICE CLOSED**

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

THURSDAY: 6:00 p.m. **Bd. Of Outreach**
Dec. 26 7:00 p.m. **Bd. Of Directors**

FRIDAY: **Pastor & Vicar - Day with family**
Dec. 27

SATURDAY: 7:00 a.m. **MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's**
Dec. 28 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. 29

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.

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.

Mark your Calendars

January & February's Voter's Meeting – Due to conflicts in January & February, the the Voter's assembly has decided to combine the two and meet on Sunday, January 26th after late service.

2014 Blessed Savior Officers – will be installed on January 12th in all three services. Please keep these men and women in your prayers.

Divine Guidance

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen..

Dec. 22

4th Sunday in Advent

Matthew 1:21

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”” What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? And so what God's Law could not do – truly motivate us to truly good works – Jesus' love has done!