

# BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Christmas Day**  
**December 25, 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 service today. 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 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

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*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 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

### *Introit*

*Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is. 9:6*



For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*

**and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,**  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*

**Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done |  
marvelous things!\*

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva-  
| tion for him.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of  
the | nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to  
the house of | Israel.\*

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of  
our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**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.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*

**and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,**  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*

**Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**

### *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.**

*Hymn of Praise* 🎵 **“This Is the Feast”** *p.155*

- C **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.  
Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Salutation and Collect of the Day* *p.156*

- P The Lord be with you.
- C 🎵 **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

*Handbells - Away in a Manger*

*Old Testament Reading*

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of  
happiness,

who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

<sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;  
together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual*

*Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a*

C **To us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder.  
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,**

**Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

*Epistle*

*Hebrews 1:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,  
“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,  
“I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son”?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

- 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*

*John 1:1-14*

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


<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  Praise to You, O Christ.

## *Handbells “Carol of the Bells”*

### *Nicene Creed*

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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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

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*Sermon*

*Offering*

*Stand*

*Offertory* 

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- © 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 By Your holy incarnation.

C **Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.**

After the final petition:

P Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Service of the Sacrament

*p. 160*

#### *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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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. 161*

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*

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*

*p. 162*


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*

p. 163

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C  Amen.

### *Agnus Dei*

- 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*

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|----------------------------------|------|
| “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” | #618 |
| “Angels We Have Heard on High”   | #368 |
| “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”       | #386 |

*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 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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## 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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**Tuesday, December 31**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**New Year's Eve Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**



**POINSETTIA'S**

**RUDREY LANG**

*"In memory of Walter & their parents"*

**DON & RUTH WOODSON**

**BOSSALLER FAMILY**

*"To the GLORY OF GOD"*

**JERRY & KEYIN OLSON**

*"In loving memory of Ron Olson"*

**DAN & DONNA BOYD**

**JOYCE MEYER**

*"In loving memory of all loved ones"*

**MARY BREMER**

*"To the GLORY OF GOD"*

**DALE & EILEEN MONTONYE**

**THE HELMICK FAMILY**

**THE RYNE FAMILY**

**THE SCHEER FAMILY**

**JULIE MUELLER**

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*"FOR GOD'S MANY BLESSINGS"*

**KEN & EFFIE BUCKERUS**

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*"IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF GOD'S SON"*

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