

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 TWENTY THIRD
SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 16, 2014*

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, November 15 and Sunday, November 16, 2014

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.

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

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

#516

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.**

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”

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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

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P The Lord be with you.

C  **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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

Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish

everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,

"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,

'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'

¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.”

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

○ These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- 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 25:14-30

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

¹⁴Jesus said: "It will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me

five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- 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 Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

vs. 1 - 4 #508

Sermon

Responsive Hymn

“The Day is Surely Drawing Near”

vs. 5 - 7 #508

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, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

C **From everlasting to everlasting, You are God!**

After the final petition:

P We pray in His name.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

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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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to

us the way of everlasting life. 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. 161

- 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

p. 162

- 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.**


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.”**
- 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

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

Agnus Dei 

p. 163

- 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

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” # 655

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” #660

“Jerusalem My Happy Home” #673

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 p.166

- 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

- 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 “One Thing’s Needful”

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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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Greeters:	E – Nikki Shea & L- Don & Ruth Woodson
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Ray Ehrhard & L- Dennis Henneman
Acolytes	Sunday 8:00 a.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Mueller
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 Luella Gavisk in loving memory of Darrel Gavisk.

Altar Flowers Needed: for December 14th. If you are interested, please sign up on the flower chart in back of church. Thank you.

A Special Thank You for all the cards and prayers I received after my hip surgery. God’s Blessings, Luella Gavisk.

Lights Is Collecting - diapers and baby wipes for the St. Louis Crisis Nursery as a Christmas Community Service Project. All donations will be appreciated. Donations will be taken through December 14th. Please place your items on the Lights table.

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
November 16 – November 23, 2014

TODAY: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship**
SUNDAY with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. **Sunday School, Bible Classes &**
Nov. 16 **Youth Confirmation**

MONDAY:
Nov. 17 Shut In Visits

TUESDAY:
Nov. 18

WED. 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Nov. 19 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study (McKenna)

THURSDAY:
Nov. 20 Shut In Visits

FRIDAY: Pastor & Vicar - Day with family
Nov. 21

SATURDAY: 7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's
Nov. 22 **6:00 p.m. Worship Service**
Lutheran Hour Advent Devotionals - Narthex

NEXT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. **Sunday School & Bible Classes &**
Nov. 23 **Youth Confirmation**
Poinsettia Orders begin

November 22 - Lutheran Hour Ministries - Advent Devotionals - Will be available in the Narthex beginning Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Please feel free to take one to a family member, co-worker or friend.

November 23 - Poinsettia Orders - orders will be taken Nov. 23 thru Dec. 14th. The cost is \$6.00. Please make your check out to Blessed Savior Lights.

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

November 29th Hanging of the Greens at 9:00 a.m. - If you would like to help adorn the church, a sign up sheet is available in fellowship hall. Please mark the area in which you would like to help. Thank You.

December 4 at 7:00 p.m. Lutheran High North - will present its choral Christmas concert at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church. The theme "God Is Alive at Bethlehem. More information is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

December 6th Breakfast in Bethlehem 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Take a break from your hectic schedule and come and enjoy a hot breakfast, Family/Individual photo taken in the stable with baby Jesus, Craft Corner for the kids and Bethlehem Bingo for the adults. Then sit back and enjoy the story of our Savior's birth, along with some favorite hymns. A sign up sheet is available in fellowship hall if you would like to attend and a sign up sheet if you would like to help with Breakfast in Bethlehem. Please bring family, friends, co-workers and grandchildren.

Shut In Baskets - Cookies/Fruit & Ornament- If you would like to make a dozen cookies or donate fresh pears or apples to put in the basket, that would be great. Also, we are in need of volunteers to help take the baskets to the shut in. Sign up sheets are available in fellowship hall. There is a list of our shut-ins on the table if you would like to send a Christmas card. **Please have your items turned in by Sunday, Dec, 7th.** Thank you.

Christmas by Candlelight Concert and Dinner - Auditions are underway and we're very excited! Please remember to mark your calendars for:

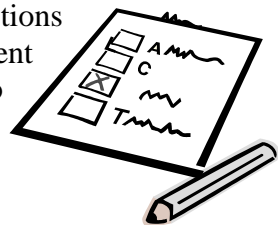
Sunday, December 14th
5:30 p.m. Appetizers
6:00 p.m. Concert- Young & Old
7:00 (or following concert) - Dinner

**TO: THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS
RE: N.St.L.County BOARD ELECTIONS**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members are encouraged to vote in the election of leaders for the North St. Louis County Chapter Leadership Board. Through this board, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans funds community projects and activities to help those in need AND oversees and allocates fraternal matching and operational funds to support the congregations in the North County Chapter. Blessed Savior has been a recipient of these funds for Trunk R Treat (\$200) and the Thanksgiving Baskets (\$600) this year.

Benefit & Associate MEMBERS - Ballots will be on the Thrivent Table in the Fellowship Hall. Please cast your ballot by Sunday, November 23.

It is important to cast your vote. The elections are an annual requirement by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to continue to



provide matching funds for our Chapter's congregations. Even though there may be only one individual on the slate for each position, elections must be conducted to comply with Thrivent Financials requirements.

Nov. 16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 25:30

“And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master – and so he did not demonstrate love and trust in his actions, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.