

**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 14, 2014*

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The Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 13, and Sunday December 14, 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.

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

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

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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

Introit

Ps. 85:8-9, 12-13; antiphon: Ps. 85:7



Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to | folly.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.

Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.

**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.**

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C  **And also with you.**

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 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are
bound;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations. . . .

⁸For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,

and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a
beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout
up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

- 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

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

- ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.
- ²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body

be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

- 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 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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

¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

- 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

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" #345

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 Let us pray to the Lord

C **Lord, have mercy.**

After the final petition:

P Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #338

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 Preacher:	Pastor Matthew Roeglin
The Liturgist:	Sem. Alex Lange
The Organist:	Mr. Kenneth Butherus
Greeters:	E – Jan Hawkins & L- Dave McDermott
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Gary Pohlmann & L- Scott Iver
Acolytes	Sunday 8:00 a.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m.: Zach Helmich
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 the Koch Memorial fund to the Glory of God.

Poinsettia Orders - The cost is \$6.00. There are 4 Poinsettia's left. Please make your check out to Blessed Savior Lights.

Last chance to sign up for the Christmas by Candlelight Dinner– December 14th - In order to know how much food to get, please sign up in fellowship hall if you plan to have dinner.

Lights Is Collecting - Diapers and baby wipes for the St. Louis Crisis Nursery as a Christmas Community Service Project. All donations will be appreciated. Please place them on the Lights table in fellowship hall. Thank You.

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 14 – December 21, 2014

TODAY: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship
SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Classes &
Youth Confirmation
5:15 Appetizers, 6:00 Concert & 7:00 Dinner
Dec. 14 Christmas by Candlelight

MONDAY: Troop #3774
Dec. 15 Shut In Visit

TUESDAY:
Dec. 16

WED. 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
4:30 & 7:00 p.m. Advent Service
5:30 p.m. Dinner- Stewardship
Dec. 17 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (McKenna)

THURSDAY: 7:00 p.m. Bd. Of Christian Ed
Dec. 18 Shut In Visit

FRIDAY: Pastor & Vicar - Day with family
Dec. 19

SATURDAY: 7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's
10:00 a.m. – Troop #3774
Dec. 20 6:00 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

NEXT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services with Holy
Communion
SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes &
Youth Confirmation
Dec. 21 5:00 p.m. Choir, 6:00 HandBells & 7:30 Brass

Thank You – to those who donated cookies and fruit for the shut in baskets. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated.

Thank You – to the Bossaller family and Nancy & Ted Stocker and Erma Glass for volunteering their time to Breakfast in Bethlehem.

Salem Lutheran Church High School and College-Age Young People – 16 years and older, are invited to the Old Schoolhouse across the street from Salem Lutheran Church, 5180 Parker Rd. in Black Jack, on Friday January 2, from 6-11 pm for an evening of free food, fun, fellowship, and packing backpacks for Hope For Heroes. Mark your calendars and bring your friends, favorite card and/or board game, and an item(s) to help fill the backpacks to this get-together sponsored by Salem's Thrivent Congregational Advocates. RSVP 741-6490.

Christmas Card - There is a Christmas card in fellowship hall from Carol Dennett if you would like to read it. If you would like to send her a card her new address is: Carol Dennett, 3908 Yaupon Drive, Plano, TX 75074.

Joyce Meyer – If you would like to send a Christmas card to Joyce, she is now home.

Please check your mailbox for Christmas cards, newsletters and other items.

Tributes to Anita Butherus Memorial

Dan & Donna Boyd, Terry & Paula Bossaller, Patti & Dennis Henneman, Ron & Elaine Martens

Ferguson: Neighbor 2 Neighbor



This year, instead of having an "Angel Tree" where we help a family in need have Christmas presents, our congregation is working together with the folks at Grace Chapel and Chapel of the Cross to spread love and aid to people who have lost their jobs, or suffered hardship, as a direct result of the events in Ferguson. We have obtained a list of businesses that have been destroyed and/or affected by the looting and rioting, and are reaching out to help their employees. We are creating Gift Card bundles for EACH employee. It is our goal that each person receive 4 gift cards in the amount of \$25 dollars each for Shell Gas, Target, Shop N Save, and a Visa gift card to help pay a bill. If donations come in above and beyond what is needed, we will evenly disperse those through the bundles. Please see the tree in the narthex with tags on it, choose how you would like to give by removing a tag, and consider purchasing a gift card through our SCRIP program. If you'd like to donate, but are unable to donate 25 dollars, or you'd like to donate more, cash and check donations can also be left in or sent to the church office with the memo "Ferguson Neighbor 2 Neighbor. Please make your check out to Blessed Savior.

We ask that all gift cards be returned to the church office no later than December 21st. Contact Rachel Legoute with any questions.