

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 First Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 2014*

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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The First Sunday after Christmas
Saturday, December 27, and Sunday December 28, 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 *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 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” #367

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 98:1- 4; antiphon: Is. 52:10



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.**

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.

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.**

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 🎵 **“Gloria in Excelsis”** p. 154

- A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
- C **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 156

- P The Lord be with you.
- C 🎵 **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.
- C **O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

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.

^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the
LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

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

○ 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

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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


Stand

Alleluia and Verse

- C **Alleluia.**
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,


²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in
peace,
according to your word;
³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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 "Let All Together Praise Our God" #389

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 We ask it in Your name.

C **Amen.**

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 us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and † give us peace.

C  Amen.

**Closing Hymn “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” #924
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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| The Preacher & Liturgist | Vicar David Viggers |
| The Organist: | Mr. Kenneth Butherus |
| Greeters: | E – Mike & Donna Kroehnke & L- Ben Hilderbrand |
| Elder Greeters: | Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Ray Ehrhard & L- Terry Bossaller |
| 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 families of Blessed Savior.

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.

Tributes to Anita Butherus Memorial
Ellis Sugar, Dale & Eileen Montonye

Tributes to Katherine Wachter Memorial
Ellis Sugar

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 28 – January 4, 2015

TODAY: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship
SUNDAY with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Classes &
NO Youth Confirmation
Dec. 28 NO 5:00 Choir, 6:00 Handbell and 7:30 Brass

MONDAY:
Dec. 29

TUESDAY:
Dec. 30

WED. 7 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship Service w/ Communion
Dec. 31

THURSDAY: **New Year's Day**
Jan. 1 **Office Closed**

FRIDAY: Pastor & Vicar - Day with family
Jan. 2

SATURDAY: 7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's
Jan. 3 6:00 p.m. **Worship Service w/ Holy Communion**

NEXT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes &
NO Youth Confirmation- will resume Jan. 11th
NO Choir, Handbells or Brass until January 11th
Jan. 4 NO Voter's Assembly – moved to Jan. 25th



Thank You All - for the Christmas cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. Blessings from Pastor, Karla and family.

Thank You - for the cards and prayers for Eugene Heislen and for those helping out to cover ushering for Randy and Randy Jr. God's Blessings – The Koert family.

2015 Lutheran Witness Subscription – If you would like to receive the Lutheran Witness, please sign up in fellowship hall. If you would like to continue receiving the Lutheran Witness, please write “yes” by your name. The cost for the year subscription is \$15.96. Please make your check out to Blessed Savior and in the memo line write Acct #913. Thank you.

2015 Blessed Savior Officers – will be installed on January 11th 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..

Taking down the Greens – will be on Saturday, January 10th at 9:00 a.m. A sign up sheet is available in fellowship hall.

2015 Altar Flower Chart is on the wall in back of the church. January 4th and 18th is available. The cost is \$33.00. Thank you.

Ushers Meeting, January 11th after late service- there will be a short meeting for returning Ushers and for our new ushers. A January schedule for ushers, greeters, elder greeters and acolytes is available in the January Beacon in your mailbox in fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please call Terry Bossaller.

Dec. 28

1st Sun. after Christmas

Luke 2:39

“And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord. . .” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins: but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. But the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live – as Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living, as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.