

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 Second Sunday in Advent
December 6, 2015*

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The Second Sunday in Advent Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015

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.

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 “Hark the Glad Sound”

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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.**

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.**

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 **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; 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

Malachi 3:1-7b

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired

worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.

- 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 sal-vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

Epistle

Philippians 1:2-11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- 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

Luke 3:1-14

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,


⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and

thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  Praise to You, O Christ.

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 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" #344

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 Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

After the final petition:

P Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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

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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

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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

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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.**

The Words of Our Lord

- 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

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- 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

<i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	#343
<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	#347
<i>The Day Is Surely Drawing Near</i>	#508

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 “The Advent of Our King”

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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:	Sem. Devin Murphy
The Liturgist:	Chaplain Weise (Sat) & Pastor Matthew Roeglin (Sun.)
The Organist:	Mr. Kenneth Butherus
Greeters:	E – Audrey & Vern Griffey & L- Dave McDermott
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Mike Kroehnke & L- Dennis Henneman
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 am: Jesse Rhyne Sunday 10:30 am: Abigail Roeglin
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 Jule Mueller in celebration of his 92nd birthday and for the many blessings God has bestowed upon him.

November 21 - Lutheran Hour Ministries - Advent Devotionals - Will be available in the Narthex beginning Saturday, Nov. 21st. Please feel free to take one to a family member, co-worker or friend.

November 22 - Poinsettia Orders - orders will be taken Nov. 22 thru Dec. 13th. The cost is \$6.00. Please make your check out to Blessed Savior Lights.

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 6– December 13, 2015

- TODAY:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
With Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. **Sunday School, Bible Classes & Youth Confirmation**
- Dec. 6** 12:00 p.m. **Voter's Assembly**
- MONDAY:** 7:00 p.m. Bd. Of Property
- Dec. 7**
- TUESDAY:** 6:30 p.m. MOBS
- Dec. 8**
- WEDNESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Wed. Advent Service
5:30 p.m. Dinner – Stewardship
- Dec. 9** 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (McKenna)
- THURSDAY:** 7:00 p.m. **Elders**
- Dec. 10** **Newsletter Deadline**
- FRIDAY:** Pastor & Vicar Day with Family
- Dec. 11**
- SATURDAY:** 7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's
- Dec. 12** 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 & Youth Confirmation**
12:00 p.m. Youth
- Dec. 13** 12:00 p.m. **LIGHTS**

Dec. 6th -Last Day for Shut in Basket Items - Thank you all for your support.

December 13th - LIGHTS Christmas Party @12:00 p.m. – There will be “No Business” at this meeting, just Fun and Fellowship. We will have lunch. A sign up sheet will be in the fellowship hall. Please sign up by December 6th. Also, we will exchange gifts (\$5.00 limit). If you have any questions, please call Nancy or Brenda.

Lights – will not have crafts on December 21 & 23. Thank you for your support in our craftiness.

No Bake Sale for December – Thank you for your support thru 2015.



Dec. 20th - Christmas by Candlelight Concert and Dinner -
Auditions are underway and we're very excited! Please remember to mark your calendars for:

Sunday, December 20th

5:15 p.m. Appetizers

6:00 p.m. Concert- Young & Old

7:00 (or following concert) – Dinner

**SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PLEASE SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 13TH**

American Red Cross Blood Drive - Give the gift of life this Christmas. Please join us at the Leaders Save Lives Blood Drive scheduled for Tuesday, **December 22nd from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. The blood drive will not only support the gift of life but also an area student who is organizing the drive and working to receive a scholarship from the Red Cross. You can sign up on line at www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code for the drive is LSL) or stop in on the day of the drive.

At Salem Old School on Jan. 3 from 5 to 10 p.m.- ages 16 to ? Food, fun and fellowship. We will be sending cards to shut-ins. Bring a list of 5 - 10 names and addresses from your congregation. Bring a friend. If you have a fun group game to share, bring it too. See you there.

Dec. 6

“As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,
“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” (Luke 3:4 ESV) God makes long range plans: Isaiah lived more than seven hundred years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what's coming and we don't.