

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 27, 2015*

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The First Sunday after Christmas
Saturday, December 26 and Sunday, Dec. 27, 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.

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 3

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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 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #338
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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. John 20:19-23
- C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

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Introit (Spoken)

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

- C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- P Glory be to God on High,
- C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy
great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father
Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy
upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive
our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us.**

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

C  **And with thy spirit.**

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

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn.
Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of
Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s.

¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

- 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

Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your

hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Stand


Alleluia and Verse 

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- C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

²²When 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 be to Thee, 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 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" #845

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory 

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- Ⓒ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not
Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

After each petition of the prayers:

Ⓐ Lord, in Your mercy.

Ⓒ **Hear our prayer.**

After the final petition:

Ⓐ One God, now and forever.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer



Ⓐ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to
pray:

Ⓒ **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.**


Salutation and Benedicamus

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- P The Lord be with you.
C  **And with thy spirit.**
- A Bless we the Lord.
C  **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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- P The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and † give us peace.
C  **Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

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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 Organist:	Mr. Kenneth Butherus
Greeters:	E – Paula Bossaller & L- Ben Hilderbrand
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Ray Ehrhard & L- Wade Gergen
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 am: Sunday 10:30 am: Josh 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 members of Blessed Savior to the Glory of God.

John Martin Memorials: *Norma Masters*

Christian Ed – Is looking for a teacher for the 2nd/3rd graders. They are a small (3) sweet group of children. If you are interested, please call Becky @479-3066.

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 27, 2015 – January 3, 2016

TODAY: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
Dec. 27 9:15 a.m. **Sunday School, Bible Classes**

MONDAY:
Dec. 28

TUESDAY:
Dec. 29

WEDNESDAY: 9:30 a.m. **Adult Bible Study**
Dec. 30 6:30 p.m. **Adult Bible Study (McKenna)**

THURSDAY: 7 p.m. **New Year's Eve Worship Service**
Dec. 31 **With Holy Communion**

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

SATURDAY: 7:00 a.m. **MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's**
Jan. 2 6:00 p.m. **Worship Service w/ Holy Communion**

NEXT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
SUNDAY **w/Holy Communion**
Jan. 3 9:15 a.m. **Sunday School & Bible Classes**

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.

January 10 - Lights Meeting - at 11:45 a.m. For our Lights meeting and fellowship. All Ladies of Blessed Savior are welcome to come. We will have a guest speaker and play games.

The Lutheran High School Association is seeking to hire a Campus Pastor/Theology Teacher for Lutheran High School North. Additional information regarding this position can be found on the LHSA website (www.LHSastl.org) under **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**. Those who are interested in applying should email their cover letter and resume to: Sharon Thurman, Human Resources Manager at sthurman@lhsastl.org. Thank you very much for your cooperation and assistance in this search.

Dec. 27

“And 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.” (Luke 2:38 ESV) Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case).

Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?