

**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 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Saturday, January 2 and Sunday, January 3, 2016

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.

Duet “Unto Us a Son is Given”

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

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” #400

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.
John 20:19-23
Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit (Spoken)

Ps. 45:6-8a; antiphon: Ps. 45:17

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;*

therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up- | rightness;*

you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your com- | panions;*

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.

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.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;*

therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

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 🎵 **“This Is the Feast”** p. 155

- 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 p. 156

- P The Lord be with you.
- C 🎵 **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.
- C **O God, by the leading of a star You made known**

Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

- ¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
- ³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
- ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to
you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

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

Gradual

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

- C **Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!**

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

- 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 2:1-12

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C


 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" #395

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 Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

After the final petition:

P One God, now and forever.

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your 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

- 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

- 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

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#832

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

#394

“What Child Is This”

#370


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 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

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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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The Liturgist:	Vicar Stephen Fair
The Organist:	Mr. Kenneth Butherus
Greeters:	E – Audrey & Vern Griffey & L- Dave McDermott
Duet:	Dotty Wood & Ken Butherus
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E-Mike Kroehnke & L- Dennis Henneman
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 am: Sunday 10:30 am: Cassidy Gergen
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 family to the Glory of God.

Altar Flowers Needed for: January 17th & 31st. If you are interested, please mark the flower chart in back of church.

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
January 3, 2016 – January 10, 2016

TODAY: **8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services**
 With Holy Communion

Jan. 03 **9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Classes**

MONDAY: **7:00 p.m. Bd. Of Property**

Jan. 04 **Shut In Visits**

TUESDAY:

Jan. 05

WEDNESDAY: **10:00 a.m. Sunshine Club**

Jan. 06 **6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study (McKenna)**

THURSDAY: **6:00 p.m. Lights Bd. Meeting**

Jan. 07 **Shut In Visits**

FRIDAY: **Pastor & Vicar**

Jan. 08 **Day with Family**

SATURDAY: **7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's**

9:00 a.m. Taking Down the Greens

Jan. 09 **6:00 p.m. Worship Service**

NEXT **8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services**

SUNDAY **Officer Installation**

Mite Box **9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes**

11:45 a.m. LiGHTS Meeting

Jan. 10 **12:00 p.m. Youth**

Lutheran Witness 2016 - There is a sign up sheet in fellowship hall. If you would like to renew your subscription for 2016, please mark "yes" by your name. If you would like to discontinue your service, please cross out your name. If you would like to add your name to receive the Lutheran Witness for 2016, please indicate on the sign up sheet under "additional". The cost for a year's subscription is \$15.96. If you are writing a check, please make it out to Blessed Savior and in the memo line mark Acct #913. Thank You.

Today - 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 9 - Taking down the Greens @9:00 a.m. - If you are able, please take some time in helping us take down the greens. Many hands make light work. Thank You.

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.

Epiphany

Epiphany is from the Greek word, meaning to “reveal” or “make manifest.” The season of Epiphany is our time to focus on the revelation of “who” Jesus is: both true God and man.



On the Festival of Epiphany, Jan. 6, we hear the reading of the visit of the wise men (Mt. 2:1-12). In that event, these foreigners bowed down in acknowledgement that this infant was indeed the Christ, the Son of God

January 3

Matthew 2:11

“And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.” Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.