

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."*

Second Sunday in Advent
December 4, 2016

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Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4, 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.

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

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

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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

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Introit

Ps. 105:4-8; antiphon: Is. 40:3b



In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*

make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*

children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

He is the | LORD our God;*

his judgments are in | all the earth.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

**the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener-
| ations.**

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.

In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*

make straight in the desert a highway | for 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.**

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
 the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the Spirit of counsel and might,
 the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
 He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
 or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
 and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the
adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for
the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place
shall be glorious.

- 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

Romans 15:4-13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our
instruction, that through endurance and through the
encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the
God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such
harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that
together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

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 3:1-12

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

C  **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,


“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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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- 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, 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

- 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

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” #901

“Jesus Shall Reign” #832

“Let Our Gladness Have No End” #381


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

- 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 King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

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Sit

Announcement

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 Liturgist:	Vicar Joseph Hanson
The Organist:	Mr. Kenneth Butherus
Greeters:	E – Audrey & Vern Griffey & L- Paula Bossaller
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Ray Ehrhard & L- Dan Boyd
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 a.m.:
	Sunday 10:30am: Joshua 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 93rd birthday and for the many blessings God has bestowed upon him.

Altar Flowers - are placed by John & Danette Blank in thankfulness for sending God's son for our salvation.

Lutheran Hour Ministries - Advent Devotionals - Are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one to a family member, co-worker or friend.

15 Poinsettia's are left - Order Forms are available in fellowship hall. The cost is \$6.00. Please make your check out to Blessed Savior Lights. ***Please turn in your form and money no later than December 18th.***



Month of Thanks

As of this date, we have received \$3,001.00 towards our deficit. We will leave the Month of Thanks up thru December 11th. Please take a leaf with a dollar amount on it. Place it in the envelope and mark your offering envelope number on it, so Mike will put it towards your offering contribution. Thank you all for your generosity. Stewardship Committee.

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 4 – December 11, 2016

TODAY: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
Sunday with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. **Sunday School & Bible Classes & Youth**
Confirmation
Turn in Shut In items Today
Dec. 04 12:00 p.m. **Voter's Assembly**

MONDAY: 7:00 p.m. Bd. Of Property
Dec. 05

TUESDAY:
Dec. 06

WEDNESDAY: 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
4:30 & 7:00 p.m. **Wed. Advent Service**
5:30 p.m. **Dinner – Stewardship & Outreach**
Dec. 07 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (McKenna)

THURSDAY:
Dec. 08

FRIDAY: Pastor & Vicar – Day with family
Dec. 09

SATURDAY: 7:00 a.m. MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's
Dec. 10 6:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

NEXT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. **Sunday School & Bible Classes & Confirm.**
Mite Box Last Sunday for Month of Thanks
Dec. 11 12:00 p.m. **Youth**



Dec. 4th - Shut In Baskets - Cookies/Fruit & Ornament-
Two people have volunteered to help take the baskets to the shut in. Thank you so much. There is a list of our shut-ins on the table if you would like to send a Christmas card. **Please have your cookies/ apples at church by Sunday, December 4th.** Thank you.



Dec. 18th - Christmas by Candlelight Concert and Dinner
Please remember to mark your calendar for:

Sunday, December 18th
5:15 p.m. Appetizers
6:00 p.m. Concert- Young & Old
7:00 (or following concert) - Dinner

Sign-up sheets are available in fellowship hall. Please sign up to bring an appetizer. Thank you.



**Wednesday Advent Services
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 21
4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.- Dinner @5:15 p.m.**

**Christmas by Candlelight
Sun. Dec. 18, 2016
5:15 p.m. Appetizer
6:00 p.m. Concert and dinner to follow**

**Saturday - Christmas Eve Worship Services
with Holy Communion
Dec. 24, 2016
7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.**

**Sunday - Christmas Day Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Dec. 25, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday - New Year's Eve Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Dec. 31, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday - New Year's Day Worship Service
With Holy Communion
Jan 1, 2017
9:00 a.m.**

Dec. 4

Romans 15:5

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.”

All of our good works are indeed granted to us from our heavenly Father. We live in complete dependence upon His grace and mercy. What do we have that we have not received as a gift from His hand? And knowing that – how can we not be thankful?