

**Thursday, December 18, 2025 ~ 6:30 pm**  
**Sunday, December 21, 2025 ~ 8:00 am & 10:30 am**



**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH – LC-MS**  
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### **We Welcome You in the Name of Jesus**

With joy we welcome you in the name of Jesus. To those who may be visiting us today, your presence here today is a delight to us!

For your convenience personal hearing assistance units are available. Large Print Bulletins, Newsletters, and Portals of Prayers are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Visitors and members, please complete the information cards found in the pew pocket and place them in an offering plate near the entrance to the sanctuary after worship. Thank you.

### **Statement on Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood to eat and drink. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation. All members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

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**(8:00 am) Preservice Handbell Anthem**    *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

**Hymn**                      **The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**                      **LSB 356**

**Invocation** (*Stand*)

*(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.**

**Confession and Absolution**

**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.

**C** Amen.

## Kyrie

*DS3, LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

(Sit)

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**Psalm**

*Psalm 24*

- [P]** The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,
- [C]** **for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**
- [P]** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- [C]** **He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.**
- [P]** He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- [C]** **Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**
- [P]** Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.
- [C]** **Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!**
- [P]** Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.
- [C]** **Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!**

**(8:00 am) Anthem**      *"There is a Child"*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 7:10–17*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the

Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

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

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 1:1–7*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

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

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

## Alleluia *(Stand)*

*DS3, LSB 190*



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 1:18–25*

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for

that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Sit)*

**Hymn                      O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**LSB 357**

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** *(Stand)*

*(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)*

**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.**

## Prayers of the Church

*(Following each petition, congregation responds "**hear our prayer**")*

## Presentation of our Offerings to the Lord

*(As our offerings are brought forward, we sing the Offertory Hymn)*

### Offertory Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;  
 2 Born Thy peo-ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
 Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
 By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
 By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

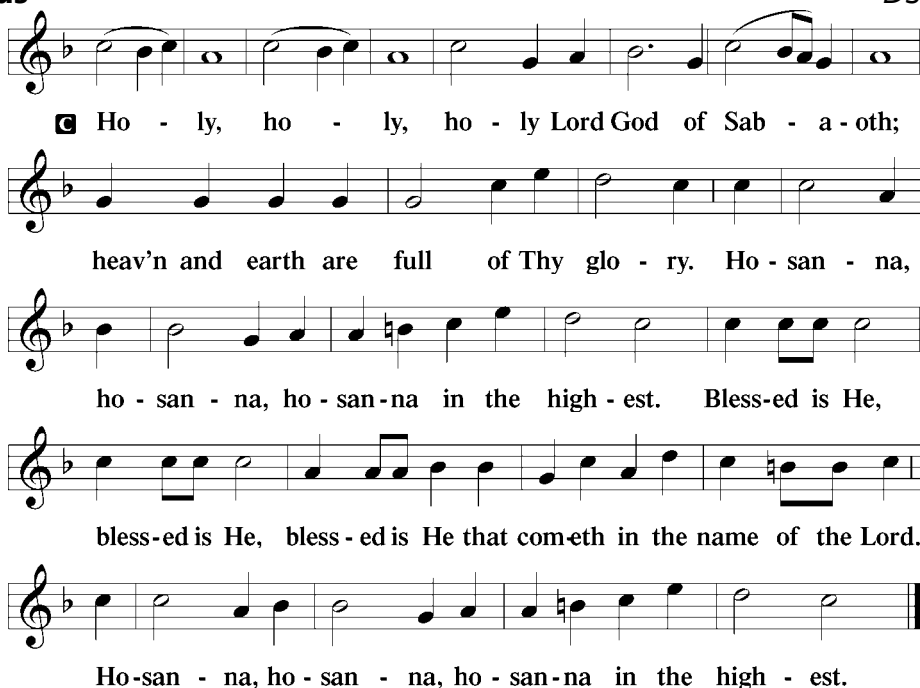
### Preface

- [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

*DS3, LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory. **C Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord



## Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

*(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)*

- 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.**

## Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

*DS3, LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution *(Sit)*

**(8:00 am) Bell Anthem** *"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"*

## Distribution Hymns

**Prepare the Royal Highway**

**LSB 343**

**Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

**LSB 341**

*(Stand)*

## Nunc Dimittis

*DS1, LSB 165*



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray. 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.**

## Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

## 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.**

## Hymn (Sit) Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising LSB 375, sts. 1–2, 4, 6



1 Come, your hearts and voic - es rais - ing, Christ the  
 2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in  
 4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, From sin's  
 6 Gra - cious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -  
 love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -  
 fet - ters that pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -  
 low - ly man - ger cheer us, Gent - ly lead us and be



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.  
 tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.  
 tressed us, We, the cap - tives, now are free.  
 near us Till we join Your choir a - bove.

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## **Upcoming Worship Services**

### ***Christmas Eve Worship Service***

***Wednesday, December 24 ~ 3:00 pm & 5:00pm***

### ***Christmas Day Worship Service***

***Thursday, December 25 ~ 9:00 am***

***Sunday, December 28 ~ 9:00 am ~Christmas 1 Worship Service  
No Education Hour***

***Thursday, January 1 ~ No Evening Worship Service***

***Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services  
No Education Hour***