

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2013

Welcome in Jesus' name. Please consider using the prelude as a time for meditation and silent prayer. This is the ideal time for quiet preparation, as we come to worship God. Holy Communion is celebrated today. All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138

(* Please stand if you are able)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
God of glory, God of peace,

C: we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God; sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

P: The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done, but according to God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: *As with Gladness Men of Old* – Hymn 302**

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE – "This is the feast..." – page 140**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1—6

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1—7, 10—14 (*To be read responsively by whole verse*)

Give the king your justice,

O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba
and Seba bring gifts.**

May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

**For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1—12

L: A reading from Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--for surely you have already heard of the commission

of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* **♫ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia..."** – page 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the second chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 2:1—12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Confirmation Students

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *In the Bleak Midwinter* – Hymn 294

***CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

P: Using the words of the Nicene Creed let us confess our holy faith:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again from the dead,
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Each petition ends with P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.)*

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

C: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING - page 144**

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♫ **C: "Holy, holy, holy Lord,..." - page 144**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

COMMUNION

♫ "*Lamb of God...*" – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 300: *The First Noel*

Hymn 289: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymn 277: *Away in a Manger*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: The Maker of all, the Word made flesh, the Giver of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

*SENDING SONG: *What Child Is This* – Hymn 296

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2012 Augsburg Fortress

Organist: Our Savior's: Linda Whitman
Faith: Jason Boussetol

Altar Ministry: Faith: Sharyl & Larry Banowetz Family

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Faith: Ki Sosa (CA), Karragan Whitman

Communion Assistant:
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Faith: Ruth Braet

Ushers: Our Savior's: David Olson, Tait Steines,
Bryan Whitman, Mark Olson
Faith: Daryl Henning, Doreen Henning,
Blaine Henning, Kayla Henning,
Ashley Steffens

Cleaners: Our Savior's: Terry & Julie Steines
Tait & Jessica Steines
Jamie & Trina Knoche

Holy Communion is celebrated today. All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be continuous. Please proceed forward at the direction of the ushers. White grape juice is available during Holy Communion. Please indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We are glad to have you worship with us this morning. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come back and worship with us again.

There is a "**cry room**" **available** in the back of each church, if you would like to make use of the accommodations.

Those to keep in prayer this week: For the family of Mary Morehead who died on Monday; For all those who are ill: Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Signe Rock, Myrtle Koslofsky, Ed Youngers, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen; For Kayla Dohrmann, Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

There are Sunday School classes and an Adult Class meeting at 9:25 a.m. at Faith Church. There is a class for everyone 3 years and older. Please join us.

All committee reports and organization reports for the annual reports are due in the church office by tomorrow, Monday, January 7. All financial reports are due Monday, January 21.

Committee Night meets Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church.

Confirmation Class resumes this Wednesday at Faith Church, 7:00 p.m.

A reminder to all First Communion people: a training session for becoming acolytes will be held this Wednesday, January 9, at 7:45 p.m. at Faith Church.

Worship Committee meets at Faith Church on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Joint Council meets at 7:30 on Thursday at Faith Church.

<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Meetings Sunday, January 27, 2013 following respective worship services Our Savior's Worship – 8:00 a.m. Faith Worship – 10:30 a.m.</p>
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This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. -	Committee Night at Faith Church
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. -	Confirmation Class at Faith Church
	7:45 p.m. -	Acolyte Training at Faith Church
Thursday	6:00 p.m. -	Worship Committee at Faith Church
	7:30 p.m. -	Joint Council at Faith Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, December 30 N/A

Faith: Worship Attendance, December 30..... 62
Offering, Sunday, December 30..... \$2,165.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$1,843.00

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