

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 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

Ring of the Bell

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138

(* Please stand if you are able)

***GATHERING SONG:** (*Congregation selection of two hymns*)

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7—9

L: A reading from Isaiah.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely";
and he became their savior
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 (*To be read responsively*)

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10—18

L: A reading from Hebrews.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – *Alleluia, alleluia...* page 142

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

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

***GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13—23**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

***HYMN:** (*Congregation selection of two hymns*)

***NICENE CREED**

P: Let us confess our holy faith:

**C: 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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:Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: Let us pray.

Good and loving God,

C: 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

***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.

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P: May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

C: Amen.

P: May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

C: Amen.

P: May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

C: Amen.

P: And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG:** (*Congregation selection of two hymns*)

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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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 to worship with us again.

Those to keep in prayer this week: For Cathy Goddard, Susan Marty, Barbara Dannatt, Skye Doerscher, Kristi Reed, Candice Ogden, Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Audrey Witte, Signe Rock, Myrtle Koslofsky, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen; For Austin Miller, Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

Sunday School Class and Adult Class will not be held this morning. Classes resume January 5, 2014 at 9:25 a.m. at Our Savior's.

Monthly Luther League Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 5, at 9:25 a.m. during the Sunday School hour in the kitchen at Our Savior's.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 am. -	SS/AC/Luther League at Our Savior's
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

Our Savior's:

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Offering, Sunday, December 15	\$2,311.00
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