

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2014

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Holy and faithful God,

C: we so often choose our own way instead of yours. We think we can evade your commandments. We have spoken in ways that kill, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life. Amen.

P: "Call upon me," says the Lord, "and I will answer." Our God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: *Chief of Sinners Though I Be* – Hymn 609**

***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, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHOIR: "Friends in Christ" by Don Besig and Nancy Price

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann – Noisy Offering

WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15—20

L: A reading from Deuteronomy.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119:1—8 (*To be read responsively*)

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

**Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,**
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.

**You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**
O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**
I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1—9

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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 fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: *For by Grace You Have Been Saved – Hymn
598

***CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED**

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

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love
endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit
from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the
world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior
and 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

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

COMMUNION

♩*“Lamb of God...”* – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 802: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Hymn 502: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Hymn 453: *Baptized and Set Free*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Lord, it is good for us to be here, for we have tasted your glory in this holy meal. Continue your goodness as we go out from here. Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person, for you are the life and light of all, both now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: May the God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path;
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:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* – Hymn 858

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2014 Augsburg Fortress

Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
Organist:	Our Savior's:	Jason Bousselot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Lonny and Diane Sievers
Greeter:	Faith:	Rita Seastrand
Acolyte:	Faith:	Josh Gronewold (CA), Noah Mullin
	Our Savior's:	Riley Bruns
Lector:	Faith:	Shirley Ferguson
	Our Savior's:	Dave Whitman
Communion Assistant:	Faith:	Brian Tulley
	Our Savior's:	Deb Detlefs
Ushers:	Faith:	Marilyn Schau, Larry Schau, Diane Wilhelm, Herb Wilhelm
	Our Savior's:	Mark Olson, Dave Whitman, Dave Olson
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Tom and Judy Olson Ray and Deb Detlefs

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 happy to have you worship with us this morning. 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 Tootie Steines (Terry Steines' mother), Kent Anderson, Cathy Goddard, Susan Marty, Barbara Dannatt, 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 Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

There is a Sunday School Class and an Adult Class for all those from three years of age and above. Please join us at 9:25 a.m. at Our Savior's Church.

The **Noisy Offering** will be collected this morning.

The **Luther League Bake Sale** will be held this morning. Every 1st and 3rd Sunday there will be a bake sale to help raise money for the Luther League.

Lydia Circle will meet Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Kay Olson. Sharon Bousselot will lead the Bible Study.

All 7-12 graders are invited to the weekly Luther League Lounge to be held Wednesday nights at 5:30 at Faith Church.

Confirmation classes for 7-8th graders Wednesday at 6:30 at Faith Church. Confirmation students are welcome to attend Luther League Lounge for an hour before class.

Women's Fellowship/Bible Study: Weekly studies Bible, book, various faith topics, etc.) to be held **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 at Faith Church.**

Naomi Circle will meet in the home of Lois Wessels on Friday at 9:30 a.m. Diane Christensen will lead the Bible Study.

**All Night Ski/Snowboarding
Sundown Mountain Resort Dubuque**



**Friday, February 21-22 ♦ 11 pm - 4 am
(Leaving Faith 9:00 pm)**

**Parish Bowling Binge - Sunday, February
23**

Bring a snack and a friend to our annual bowling
binge.

Meet us at DeWitt Bowling Lanes from 1:00-3:30
p.m.

Sign-up sheets are posted in both churches.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 am. -	SS/AC at Our Savior's Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
Wednesday	2:00 p.m. -	Lydia Circle at Kay Olson's home
	5:30 p.m. -	Luther League Lounge at Faith Church
	6:30 p.m. -	Confirmation Class at Faith Church
	7:30 p.m. -	Women's Bible Study at Faith Church
Friday	9:30 a.m. -	Naomi Circle at Lois Wessels' home
	9:00 p.m. -	Meet at Faith for All Night Skiing
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	SS/AC at Our Savior's Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	1:00-3:30 -	Bowling at DeWitt Lanes

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, February 9 28

Faith: Worship Attendance, February 9 65

Offering, Sunday, February 9 \$1,537.50

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$1,976.00

Sunday School Attendance, February 9 31

Adult Class Attendance, February 9 21

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