

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 30, 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.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 210***

*(\*Please stand, if you are able)*

**GATHERING**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** – pages 211—212

**\*GATHERING SONG: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*** – Hymn 338

**\*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: "*Glory to God...*"** – page 213—215

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to  
new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises,  
that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1—13**

**L:** A reading from 1 Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** (*To be read responsively*)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8—14**

L: A reading from Ephesians.

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.  
Live as children of light-- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good  
and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part  
in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is  
shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything  
exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is  
light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **♫ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord..."** –

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the ninth chapter.

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

## **Gospel: John 9:1—41**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know,

that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

*Silence for reflection*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Baptized and Set Free* – Hymn 453

**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.**

### **THANKSGIVING**

#### **OFFERING**

#### **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

#### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

P: Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: 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**

**\*BLESSING**

P: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore..

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* – Hymn 779**

**\*DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Ringin' of the Bell

Postlude

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**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.

**Those to keep in prayer this week:** For Carol Schunter (friend of Diane Christensen's) who is having surgery for breast cancer; Tootie Steines, 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.

<b>Pianist:</b>	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
<b>Organist:</b>	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
<b>Altar Ministry:</b>	Faith:	Lonny & Diane Sievers
<b>Greeter:</b>	Faith:	Lucy Lee-Petersen
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Faith:	Ethan Wilhelm (CA), Brianna Williams
	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
<b>Lector:</b>	Faith:	Colette Christensen
	Our Savior's:	Lydia Whitman
<b>Ushers:</b>	Faith:	Yale Christensen, Mike Tendall, Adam Wilhelm, Colette Christensen
	Our Savior's:	Ray Detlefs, Shane Glover, Art Bousselot
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Our Savior's:	Dan and Cindy Burke

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

**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.

### Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule



April 2 and 9 Our Savior's Church

Worship – 7:00 p.m. ☞ Lenten Meal – 6:00 p.m.

**Choir Rehearsals** will be held every Wednesday through April 9 in the hosting church following Midweek Lenten Worship.

**Women's Fellowship/Bible Study:** No Women's Wednesday Night Bible Studies during Lent. Look for booklets with the spring/summer schedule in the back of the churches by end of March.

**Sunday School children in second through sixth grade will sing with the adult choir on Palm Sunday.** The children will rehearse during music time at Sunday School.



**Spring Clean Up at Faith**

**8:00AM - Saturday - April 5**

*(Rain Date - April 12)*



**Spring Clean Up at Our Savior's**

**8:30AM - Saturday - April 12**

*(Rain Date - April 19)*

Because of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, the **Noisy Offering** will be collected next Sunday, April 6.

The God Squad (Luther League) will hold a bake sale next Sunday.

**Geri Schutt is celebrating her 90th birthday!** Join in the celebration on Saturday, April 12, 1—4 PM at the Welton Fire Department House, Welton, Iowa.

## **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	6:00 p.m. -	Lenten Meal at Our Savior's Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Midweek Lenten Worship at Our Savior's
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Our Savior's Church
Saturday	8:00 a.m. -	Clean Up Day at Faith Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	SS/AC/God Squad at Our Savior's Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

### **Our Savior's:**

Worship Attendance, March 23 ..... 52

**Faith:** Worship Attendance, March 23 ..... 65

Offering, Sunday, March 23 ..... \$1,858.00

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget ..... \$1,976.00

Midweek Lenten Worship Attendance, March 26 ..... 67

Sunday School Attendance, March 23 ..... 31

Adult Class Attendance, March 23 ..... 20

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