

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

**December 28, 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

Ring of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138*

(\* Please stand if you are able)

**GATHERING**

**\*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 come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: God of peace,

**C: we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves.**

**We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ.**

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the

name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* – Hymn 283**

**\*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.**

**\*🎵 KYRIE – P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. – pages 138-139**

**C: "Lord, have mercy."**

**\*🎵 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: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **WORD**

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:10—62:3**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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!**

### **Galatians 4:4—7**

L: A reading from Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia..."** – page 142

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

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

### **Gospel: Luke 2:22—40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** – Pastor David Aanonson

*Silence for reflection*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Angels We Have Heard on High*** – Hymn 289

**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

**\*THE PRAYERS** (*Each petition ends:* 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.

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**

**\*♪ 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** – page 132

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end,...

Do, this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

**COMMUNION**

♪ **"Lamb of God..."** – page 146

**Hymns Sung During Distribution:**

**Hymn 300: *The First Noel***

**Hymn 279: *O Little Town of Bethlehem***

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding

before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **\*BLESSING**

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: *Joy to the World* – Hymn 267**

### **\*DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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**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 to worship with us again.



<b>Organist:</b>	Our Savior's:	Jason Bousselot
<b>Pianist:</b>	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
<b>Altar Ministry:</b>	Faith:	Larry & Sharyl Banowetz Family
<b>Greeter:</b>	Faith:	Sharyl Banowetz
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Our Savior's:	Chase Knoche
	Faith:	Anne Tulley (CA), Beth Tulley
<b>Lector:</b>	Our Savior's:	David Olson
	Faith:	Sharyl Banowetz
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>		
	Our Savior's:	Cindy Burke
	Faith:	Brian Tulley
<b>Ushers:</b>	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke, Mark Olson
	Faith:	Mark Witte, Gary Braet, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley
<b>Cleaners:</b>		Barb Flynn, David Olson

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 Ellie Olson, whose funeral was held at Our Savior's on Monday, For Gary Braet, Scott Fisher (Barb Johnson's son who is in Iowa City recovering from surgery for a brain aneurysm), Heidi Von Behrend, Jerry Weiss, Tim Griffin, Geri Schutt, Kristi Reed, Candice Ogden, Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Malinda Malmanger, Signe Rock, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen; For Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, GOD SQUAD OR ADULT CLASS  
TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28  
ALL CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 4, 2015**

**Sidewalk Snow Removal at Faith Church:** If anyone is interested in providing this service, please contact Brian Tulley 246-2121 or Hal Shelton 847-6221 or call the church office 246-2622.

**This Week At A Glance**

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Children's Program at Faith Church
Sunday,	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
January 4	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/Adult Class - F
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church

**Our Savior's:**

Worship Attendance, December 21 ..... 15

**Faith:** Worship Attendance, December 21 ..... 148

Offering, Sunday, December 21 ..... \$1,708.00

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

Sunday School Attendance, December 21 ..... 41

God Squad Attendance, December 21 ..... 3

Adult Class Attendance, December ..... 12

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## **Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* for the Bulletin**

Martin Luther wrote the *Small Catechism* as a means by which *the head of the family shall teach* (the Christian faith) *to his(her) household*. He began with the Ten Commandments. This he did because, as Law, the Commandments show us our sin and our need for the Gospel.

### **The Fourth Commandment**

*Honor your father and your mother.*

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God, and so we should not despise our parents and superiors, nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love, and esteem them.* (*Book of Concord*. Theodore G. Tappert, translator. p. 343).

Prayer: Lord God, Holy and Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for those through whom You have given us life and sustain our life. Keep us from bringing them to anger. Grant that we may honor these co-creators of life with You and that we may always serve, obey, love and esteem them. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.