

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 15, 2015**

**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, Setting3, page 138*

(\* Please stand if you are able)

**GATHERING**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Gracious God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life.**

**Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins.

Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG: *Lift High the Cross* – Hymn 660**

## **\*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."**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**CHOIR:** "He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions" by Eugene Clark

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Number 21:4—9**

L: A reading from Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 107:1—3, 17—22** (*To be read responsively*)

O give thanks to the Lord; for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble**

and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

**Some were sick through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.

**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress;**

he sent out his word and healed them,  
and delivered them from destruction.

**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,  
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1—10**

L: A reading from Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\* ♪ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord..." –**  
page 142

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

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

**Gospel: John 3:14—21**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**NOISY OFFERING – Dan Burke**

**SERMON – Pastor David Aanonson**

*Silence for reflection*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* – Hymn 582**

**\*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

**\*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.

God our provider,

**C: you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through 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**

**\*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 481: *Come to the Table***

**Hymn 779: *Amazing Grace***

**Hymn 715: *Christ, Be Our Light***

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

### \*BLESSING

P: The blessing of God Almighty,  
the wisdom and power of Christ Jesus,  
and the light of the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG: *Beautiful Savior* – Hymn 838**

### \*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Ring of the Bell

### Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2015 Augsburg Fortress

**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.

<b>Organist:</b>	Our Savior's:	Jason Bousselot
<b>Pianist:</b>	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
<b>Altar Ministry:</b>	Faith:	Lonny and Diane Sievers
<b>Greeter:</b>	Faith:	Makenna Christensen
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Our Savior's:	Riley Bruns
	Faith:	Andrew Grau (CA), Colin Grau
<b>Lector:</b>	Our Savior's:	Colette Christensen
	Faith:	Yale Christensen
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>		
	Our Savior's:	Katarina Harkness
	Faith:	Yale Christensen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Our Savior's:	Art Bousselot, Shane Glover
	Faith:	Yale Christensen, Mike Tendall, Adam Wilhelm, Colette/Makenna Christensen
<b>Cleaners:</b>		Shane and Amy Glover

**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.

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 Marcella Husen, Shirley Ferguson, Vicki Sharp, Gary Braet, Claire Wallace, Josie Watham, Nancy Ramige, Malinda Malmanger, Signe Rock, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen and Myrna Kay Petersen.

**There is a Sunday School class for all those three years of age and above.** Please join us at 9:25 a.m. at Faith Church.

The **Noisy Offering** will be collected this morning. Our Noisy Offering has been designated for **ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water**. The goal of this project is to raise \$500,000 for ELCA World Hunger –supported water projects around the world in 2015.

**The Calamus Lutheran Parish is responsible for supplying workers for this morning, March 15 at the CALCO.** Faith workers time period is 7:30 –10:00 a.m. and Our Savior's time is 10:00—12:30. Please let your council know if you will be able to work.

**Midweek Lenten Services:**

**Wednesday, March 18 and 25 – 7:00 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church**



*Supper served at 6:00 p.m. – Free Will Offering for Meal*

**Choir Rehearsal follows the Midweek Lenten Service at Faith.**

**Naomi Circle** meets 9:30 a.m. Friday at Marsha Witte's. Jeannene Boussetlot will lead the Bible Study.

Please do not throw away your **March edition of *The Lutheran*** (the one with “Our malaria moment” on the front). When you have finished reading that article and all of the others (lots of good ones), put your copy on the desk by the church office at Faith. The education committee wants to share



the magazine with the visitors to Bible School (topic this year is “Catch the Buzz” and the focus will be awareness of the ELCA Malaria Campaign).  
Thank you for your help! - - Marsha Witte

### **Parish COSMIC Bowling Extravaganza**



Sunday, March 22, 1:00 - 3:30 De Witt Lanes

This will be bowling with a twist - because it  
will be

COSMIC BOWLING!!! All you sports fans - Don't  
miss out!

Bring a snack to share - and bowl without a care!

**Summer lawn care for the Kvindherred Cemetery and Our Savior's church lawn:** If you are interested in the lawn care for these two sites, please contact Dan Burke (563-468-8586) or Brian Boussetot 246-2776.

**You are invited to St. John's Bliedorn today, March 15 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Contemporary Worship with**

**"Have Faith" - a praise band from Cuba City, Wisconsin**

### **This Week At A Glance**

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/Adult Class - F
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Mid-week Lenten Meal at Faith Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Mid-week Worship at Faith Church
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Friday	9:30 a.m. -	Naomi Circle at Marsha Witte's
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/Adult Class - F
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	1:00 p.m. -	Cosmic Bowling at DeWitt Lanes

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

Worship Attendance, March 8 ..... 22

#### **Faith:**

Worship Attendance, March 8 ..... 58

Offering, Sunday, March 8 ..... \$1,598.00

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget ..... \$2,066.00

Midweek Lenten March 11 ..... 59

Sunday School Attendance, March 8 ..... 28

God Squad Attendance, March 8 ..... 2

Adult Class Attendance, March 8 ..... 14

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## **Martin Luther's *Small Catechism***

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. He followed with the Apostles' Creed because the Gospel is proclaimed in the Creed.

### **The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed**

*And (I believe) in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell, the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

What does this mean? *I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, delivered me and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with silver and gold but with His holy and precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death, in order that I may live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.* (*The Book of Concord*. Tappert, p. 345).

Prayer: Lord God, Holy and Heavenly Father, We give You our thanks and our praise for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ who willingly gave His life for us on the cross. We praise you for redeeming us from sin and for the new life that we have received through His precious blood. Grant that we may serve Him always and proclaim His name in all that we do. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

