

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 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, Setting 3, page 138

(* Please stand if you are able)

***ADVENT LITANY**

P: Darkness and sin surround us on all sides.

C: Prepare our dark hearts for the coming of the Christ child, who brings the light of eternal life and the forgiveness of sins.

(To the tune of "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel")

♪ **My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

P: The Lord my God lights up my darkness.

C: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.

♪ **When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.**

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

P: Once you walked in darkness, but now you walk in the light of Jesus Christ.

C: Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we are called and the riches of our glorious inheritance.

♪ **When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

P: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined.
(*Isaiah 9:2*)

C: Amen

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

WORD

First Reading: Micah 5:2—5a

L: A reading from Micah.

" But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return

to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1—7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5—10

L: A reading from Hebrews.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by

God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* **♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"** *(The tune is found in ELW Hymn 240. During the singing, the acolyte will light four candles of the Advent wreath.)*

**♪ Light four candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings.
Let your lights be shining!**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the first chapter.

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

Gospel: Luke 1:39—55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

SERMON – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

Silence for reflection

*"For unto us a child is born
unto us a son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulders;
and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor,
the Mighty God,
the everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace."
- Isaiah 9:6*

***HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" –**

Hymn 265

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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.

MEAL

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: God fills the hungry with good things.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

♪ **"Lamb of God..."** – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 257: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v.1—4

Hymn 266: "All Earth Is Hopeful"

Hymn 248: "People, Look East"

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: May God direct your ways in peace,
make you abound in love for one another and for all,
and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus.
Almighty God, father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Cong: Amen

***SENDING SONG: "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness – Hymn 251**

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2016 Augsburg Fortress

Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
Organist:	Our Savior's:	Jason Bousselot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Sharyl and Larry Banowetz Family
Greeter:	Faith:	Annette Braet
Acolyte:	Faith:	Caleb Banowetz
	Our Savior's:	Riley Bruns
Communion Assistant:		
	Faith:	Brian Tulley
	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke
Lector:	Faith:	Annette Braet
	Our Savior's:	Cindy Burke
Ushers:	Faith:	Mark Witte, Dirk Braet, Gary Braet, Dick Johnson, Brian Tulley
	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke, Art Bousselot
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Art and Sharon Bousselot

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. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are 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. We invite you to return 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 Vera St. John, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Katy Petersen, Mallory Bousselot, Tina (a friend of Julie Gronewold's who has lung cancer), Vicki Sharp, Josie Watham, Nancy Ramige, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen, Geri Schutt 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 Our Savior's Church.

The **Children's Sunday School Program** will be presented at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, December 20, at Our Savior's Church.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Our Savior's Church - 9:00 p.m.**



**Christmas Day Worship
Faith Church - 9:00 a.m.**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/GOD SQUAD/ADULT CLASS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27. Classes resume January 3, 2016, 9:25 a.m. at Our Savior's.

Committee Reports for the Annual Report are due in the church office no later than January 4, 2016. These include Property and Management, Education Worship, Christian Outreach/Stewardship, God Squad and also needed are reports from the congregation presidents. **All financial reports are due by January 18, 2016.** Thank you!

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class – Our Savior's
	10:30 a.m. -	Christmas Program – Our Savior's
Thursday	9:00 p.m. -	Christmas Eve Worship – Our Savior's
Friday	9:00 a.m. -	Christmas Day Worship - Faith
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

Faith:

Worship Attendance, December 13	57
Offering, Sunday, December 13	\$1,581.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,066.00

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, December 13	38
Sunday School Attendance, December 13	29
God Squad Attendance, December 13	10
Adult Class Attendance, December 13	17

Midweek Advent Worship Attendance, December 16	39
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