

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

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

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gathers us in the wilderness

to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: Amen.

P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God at the margins,

C: we have wandered far from home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again.

Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, and welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embrace you in tender care.
Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy.
Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN: "God Loved the World" – Hymn 323**

***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.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of 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.

You may be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

L: A reading from Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**² Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go:
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

**¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

L: A reading from 2 Corinthians.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand.*

***🎵 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord" – page 142**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable:

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the

property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the

father^[e] said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON – Pastor Bill

SERMON – Pastor Bill

You may remain seated for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

– Hymn

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**Please stand.*

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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

**C: 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

**he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 OF INTERCESSION**

(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.)

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

**Please stand.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Generous God,

C: you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,

and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. 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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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: Christ has prepared the feast.

Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

You may be seated.

All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing. 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.

COMMUNION

♪ "O Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymn Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 592: "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

**Please stand.*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought
nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with abundant grace,
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts,
working for justice, and striving for peace among all people in the name
of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: God, who fills the creation with abundance,
Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness,
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,
bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"**

– Hymn 763

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringling 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. We invite you to return and worship with us again.

Sign-up sheets for Bible School help are in the back of the churches.

Pastor: Rev. William Runaas, Jr.

Organist: Our Savior's: Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

Pianist: Faith: Rachel Bousselot

Altar Ministry: Faith: Lonny and Diane Sievers

Greeter: Faith: Diane Wilhelm

Acolytes: Our Savior's: Erica Will

Faith: Isaac Wilhelm, Isabella Gentile

Lectors: Our Savior's: Brian Bousselot

Faith: Sharyl Banowetz

Communion Assistants: Our Savior's: Dan Burke

Faith: Yale Christensen

Ushers: Our Savior's: Art Bousselot, Mark Olson

Faith: Yale Christensen, Hal Shelton, Pat Grau, Alan Lee

Cleaners: Our Savior's: Shane and Amy Glover

Those to keep in prayer this week: Glenda Oldker, Mike Detlefs, Bus Seastrand, Michele Scheper, Baby Everette Kerrens, Chance Dexter, Bruce Aune, Kelly Meyers, Donna Ploog, Joyce McCutcheon, Colleen Clausen Olson, Christian Bousselot, Betty Schau, Barb Johnson, June Reimers, Andrea Shelton, George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Chris Forret, Ethan Friedrich, Vicki Sharp;

For the homebound: Yogi Braet, Oscar Shelton, Norman Bousselot, Geneva Meadows, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, and Myrna Kay Petersen.

Midweek Lenten Services



Wednesdays – April 3 and April 10 at Faith

6:00 p.m. Meal – 7:00 p.m. Worship

Choir Practice after Worship

During the 40 days of Lent, members of the parish are encouraged to donate **jars of peanut butter** (any size, any brand, smooth or chunky) for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland. Place the jars of peanut butter on the tables at the back of both churches.

Acolyte Training – Will be held April 14 during Sunday School for grades 4-6

This Week At A Glance

Week starting March 31

Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's
	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Adult Class at Faith
	10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. – “Coffee & a Little Jesus” at Heather Grau
	6:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Class at Faith
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. – Meal at Faith
	7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship at Faith
	7:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's
	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Adult Class at Faith
	10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith

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\$2,138.00	
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