

# **CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 22, 2019**

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**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**

*Setting: "Now the Feast and Celebration" and  
"Service of the Word" (ELW page 211)*

## **GATHERING**

**CHOIR:** "Prepare Ye!" (*at Our Savior's only*)

(\*) *Indicates to please stand as you are able.*

## **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**  
– ELW 257 (verses 1-4)

**\* 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** *(next two pages)*

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

## Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

## \* 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 hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one, God now and forever

**C:** Amen.

*You may be seated.*

## WORD

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19** (*read responsively*)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

**<sup>2</sup> before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

**Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts,**

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

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears,

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**<sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn<sup>[a]</sup> of our neighbors;**

**our enemies laugh among themselves.**

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**<sup>17</sup> But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup> Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.

**<sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

### **New Testament Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

L: A reading from Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit<sup>[b]</sup> of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Advent Litany: "Christ, Be Our Light"** *(see insert)*

*After the song is sung, four of the blue candles are lit.*

## \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter one.

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

### \* Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means,  
“God is with us.”

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no

marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*You may be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** – Pastor Bill (*noisy offering*)

**SERMON** – Pastor Bill

*You may remain seated for the hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

– ELW 257 (verses 5-8)

**\* CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Each petition ends: P: Lord, in your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayers.)**

**\* 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

#### \* OFFERTORY

**Refrain** *Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

**Verses**



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
may we share the pres - ence of your love. *to Refrain*  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

#### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Giver of every good thing,

C: we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good

**stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen.**

**\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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 God 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.**

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## \* 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: Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.

Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

*You may be seated.*

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## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948  
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**COMMUNION**

*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. Indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.*

**Hymn Sung During Distribution: “Comfort, Comfort Now  
My People” – ELW 256**

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

**C: Amen.**

# \* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to of you, O God of mer - cy:  
 2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
 Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your  
 love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of

life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
 God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
 ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: God of abundance,  
we give thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to  
feast

with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain  
with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite  
others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to  
proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming  
of Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**

P: May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of  
righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply  
than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness  
and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things lead you  
in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy  
Trinity, One God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\* SENDING HYMN: “Joy to the World” – ELW 267**

**\* DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Ring of the Bell  
Postlude

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**Pastor:** Rev. William Runaas, Jr.

**Pianist:** Faith: Jason Boussetot

**Organist:** Our Savior’s: Jason Boussetot or Linda Whitman

**Altar Ministry:** Faith: Larry and Sharyl Banowetz

**Greeter:** Faith: Diane Sievers

**Acolytes:** Faith: Isabella Gentile

Our Savior's: Nora Glover

**Lectors:** Faith: Dirk Braet

Our Savior's: Joe Morehead

**Communion Assistants:** Faith: Brian Tulley

Our Savior's: Brian Bousselot

**Ushers:** Faith: Mark Witte, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley, Ruth Braet

Our Savior's: Dan Burke

**Cleaners:** Our Savior's: Dan and Cindy Burke

**Those to keep in prayer this week:** Kim Steffens, Rebecca Hurt, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Coral Hesse, Velda Holloman, Nan Waldorf, Ray Johnson, Ruth Braet, Dale Jacobs, Ellen Bauer, Glenda Oldaker, Michele Scheper, Chance Dexter, Darcy Aune, Bruce Aune, Kelly Meyer, Donna Ploog, Joyce McCutcheon, Colleen Clausen Olson, Christian Bousselot, Barb Johnson, June Reimers, George Tulley, Ethan Friedrich, and Vicki Sharp; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Ed Meadows, Oscar Shelton, Norman Bousselot, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, and Myrna Kay Petersen.

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

#### **Week starting December 22**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith

NO Sunday School; classes resume January 5, 2020

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's

Tuesday 9:00 p.m. – **Christmas Eve** Worship at Our Savior's

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – **Christmas Day** Worship at Faith

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith

NO Sunday School; classes resume January 5, 2020

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**THANKS** - God Squad would like to thank all of the Faith and Our Savior's members who have supported us in 2019. Because of your generosity this year we were able to help people locally and around the world by providing Calamus/Wheatland Schools and the Carroll Assistance Center with school supplies, supporting the annual CROP Hunger Walk, sponsoring 14 "Angels" from the Carroll Assistance Center and the Referral Center for Christmas, donating toys for the Carroll Assistance Center's Toy Drive, and purchasing a goat, chicks, pig, manure, water filter, fish farm and health kit from the ELCA Good

Gifts program with our Bake Sale revenue. We are learning what it means to do God's work through many hands. Thank you!!!

Committee and organization reports were due in the church office December 16. Thank you to all who have already turned in reports. The remainder need to be turned in as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Financial reports, budgets, and audit reports are due in the church office by January 13, 2020.**

**Annual Meetings on Sunday, January 26,** will follow worship at Faith and Our Savior's.

**Feed the Children** – There is a need for single-serve items; pop-open cans of chicken, tuna, pasta, soup, and snacks to put in the bags that go home with five Cal/Wheat elementary students every Friday.

**Please start saving cancelled stamps** to raise funds for Lutheran World Relief. Cut the stamp off the envelope leaving ¼ inch around it. Place the stamps in the containers by the guest registers at both churches.

**Faith:**

Worship Attendance, December 15, 2019.....	30
Offering, December 15, 2019.....	\$3,141.00
Needed weekly to meet budget.....	\$2,182.00

**Our Savior's:**

Adult Class Attendance, December 15, 2019.....	11
Christmas Program, December 15, 2019.....	30 children and teachers

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