

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 9, 2012**

**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

Ringin'g of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

**CHOIR:** "You Are Loved" by Cindy Berry

**HOLY BAPTISM** (*See Insert*)

**\*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: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON - Pastor Sarah Kretzmann**

#### **WORD**

#### **First Reading: Malachi 3:1—4**

L: A reading from Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the

LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L: A reading from Malachi.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 1:68—79** (*To be read responsively by whole verse*)

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his servant David,**

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
**that we would be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,

**the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us**

that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,

**in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

**to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."**

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:3—11**

L: A reading from Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**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 two candles of the Advent wreath.*)

**♪ Light two candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,  
gently lead them homeward.**

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

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

**Gospel: Luke 3:1—6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be  
made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough  
ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

*Silence for reflection*

*"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low,  
the crooked straight and the rough places plain.  
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
And all flesh shall see it together,  
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." - Isaiah 40:9; 60:1*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* - Hymn 256

**\*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.**

**COMMUNION**

♫ **“Lamb of God, ...” - page 146**

**Hymns Sung During Distribution:**

**Hymn 483: *Here Is Bread***

**Hymn 267: *Joy to the World***

**Hymn 257: *Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

**\*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: 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.

**C: Amen**

**\*SENDING SONG: *Borned Cry* – Hymn 732**

### \*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 2013 Augsburg Fortress

<b>Organist:</b>	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
	Faith:	Jason Bousselot
<b>Altar Ministry:</b>	Faith:	David & Terri Bousselot
<b>Greeter:</b>	Faith:	Meryne Henning
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Our Savior's:	Emma Olson (CA), Alec Olson
	Faith:	Beth Tulley (CA), Katie Banowetz
<b>Lector:</b>	Our Savior's:	Jason Bousselot
	Faith:	Terri Bousselot
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>		
	Our Savior's:	Brian Bousselot
	Faith:	Dirk Braet
<b>Ushers:</b>	Our Savior's:	Darin Doerscher, Brian Bousselot, Dylan Bousselot, Mark Olson
	Faith:	Mark Witte, Gary Braet, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Our Savior's:	Brian Bousselot Dylan 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. 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 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 all those who are ill: Mary Morehead, Barbara Tendall, Jeannine Eden, Clara Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Myrtle Koslofsky, Ed Youngers, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen; For Kayla Dohrmann, Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

This morning, **Violet Ann**, daughter of Josh and Kristi Jacobs, is welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Violet's sponsors are Luke Shelton, Jessica Muhl, and Chad and Trista Weinmaster. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Violet!

**There is a Sunday School Class and an Adult Class** for all those who have reached three years of age and older. Please join us at 9:25 a.m. at Faith Church.

**The Luther League will go Angel Tree Shopping** this Sunday, December 9. Please meet at Faith Church at 12:00 noon. We will return after shopping to wrap gifts.

**Committee Night** is at Our Savior's on Tuesday beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**If you have signed up to help with the Advent meals**, you will be called by the persons assigned to organize the meal to let you know how you will be able to help. Thanks to all the volunteers!

## ADVENT SCHEDULE



**Wednesday, December 12, Faith Church**

**Wednesday, December 19, Faith Church**

**Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. A meal is served at 6:00 p.m.**

**Children's Christmas Program Rehearsals** are on **Wednesdays, December 12 and 19, beginning at 5:45 p.m. and Sunday mornings, December 9 and 16, at 9:25 a.m. at Faith church. If you plan on being in the program it is essential that you are at practice.**

**Choir Rehearsal** immediately follows Advent Worship services.

**Worship Committee** begins at 6:00 p.m. Thursday at Our Savior's.

**Joint Council** meets at Our Savior's, 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The **Noisy Offering** will be received next Sunday. This will be the final day in our congregations for the 2012 ELCA Malaria Net Project.

The **Children's Christmas Program, "Love Came Down at Christmas,"** will be presented next Sunday, December 16, at Faith Lutheran Church during the 10:30 a.m. worship hour.

## **This Week At A Glance**

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	12:00 noon -	Luther League noodle making at Faith
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. -	Committee Night at Our Savior's
Wednesday:	5:45 p.m. -	Christmas Program Rehearsal at OS
	6:00 p.m. -	Advent Meal at Our Savior's
	7:00 p.m. -	Advent Worship at Our Savior's
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Our Savior's
Thursday:	6:00 p.m. -	Worship Committee at Our Savior's
	7:30 p.m. -	Joint Council at Our Savior's
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Children's Christmas Program at Faith

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

Worship Attendance, December 2 .....	59
Midweek Advent Worship, December 5 .....	100

<b>Faith:</b> Worship Attendance, December 2 .....	103
Offering, Sunday, December 2 .....	\$3,337.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget .....	\$1,843.00

Sunday School Attendance, December 2 .....	43
Adult Class Attendance, December 2 .....	26

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