

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2013

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)

***CHOIR:** "And I Did Nothing" by David Lantz III

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

C: Amen.

P: Merciful Father,

C: we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends.

Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

P: We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: *What Wondrous Love Is This* – Hymn 666**

***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 – "*Lord, have mercy...*" – Page 138**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

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.

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. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 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 (*To be read responsively by whole verse*)

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 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. 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. 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.**

* **♪ 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, 11b—32

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

So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. 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. 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. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 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. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 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! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' 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. 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.' 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. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the

slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 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. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 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.

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus – Hymn 338

***CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

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 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,
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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(Each petition ends with 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.

MEAL

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, 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 471: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Hymn 525: *You Are Holy* (sung twice)

Hymn 453: *Baptized and Set Free*

Hymn 856: *How Great Thou Art*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

O God, in this holy meal you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: God our Father bless you and shield you.

Christ our Mother shelter you and carry you.

God the Holy Spirit guide your journey both now and forever.

C: Amen

***SENDING SONG: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* – Hymn 608**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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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.

Organist:	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
	Faith:	Jason Boussetot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Lonnie and Diane Sievers
Greeter:	Faith:	Ruth Braet
Acolyte:	Our Savior's:	Maia Glover
	Faith:	Madison Eschbach (CA), Garrett Condon
Lectors:	Our Savior's:	Jason Boussetot
	Faith:	Mike Tendall
Communion Assistant:		
	Our Savior's:	Peter Whitman
	Faith:	Yale Christensen
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	Paul Olson, Ole Olson, Shane Glover, Dave Whitman
	Faith:	Yale Christensen, Nolan Christensen, Adam Wilhelm, Mike Tendall
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Leonard and Nancy Olson Ole and Diana Olson Jeremy and Sarah Koch

Those to keep in prayer this week: For all those who are ill: Arlene Green, DeeAnn Cheney, Candice Ogden (friend of Diane Christensen) Richard Johnson (Diane Sievers' dad), Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Signe Rock, Myrtle Koslofsky, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen; For Austin Miller (Diane Christensen's nephew serving in Afghanistan), Kayla Dohrmann, Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

There is a **"cry room"** available in the back of each church, if you would like to make use of these accommodations.

There are Sunday School classes and an Adult Class meeting at 9:25 a.m. at Faith Church. There is a class for everyone 3 years and older. Please join us.

Committee Night at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Faith Church.

Midweek Lenten Meals: Sign-up sheets for preparing the meals are posted in both churches. Please sign your name and phone number under the date that you will be able to help. Thank you!

Midweek Lenten Worship will be at Faith Church at 7:00 p.m. March 13 & 20. A 6:00 p.m. meal will be served.

Choir meets Wednesday at Faith following the Midweek Lenten Service.

Naomi Circle meets in the home of Audrey Witte on Friday at 9:00 a.m. Shirley Ferguson will lead the Bible study.

The Noisy Offering will be collected next Sunday, March 17.

The Calamus Lutheran Parish helps serve the CALCO brunch next Sunday, March 17. Faith members will serve from 7:30—10:00 and Our Savior's members from 10:00 to closing.

The **Seder Meal** will be served at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 at Our Savior's. If you plan to attend, please register on the sign-up sheets posted in both congregations.

Luther College’s Collegiate Choir is in concert at Zion Lutheran in Clinton on Sunday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m. Brian Witte is a member of the choir.

The **Calamus Lions Toy Show is today**, March 10 at Calamus/Wheatland Elementary School from 9—3. Lunch is served all day.

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
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. -	Committee Night at Faith Church
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Midweek Lenten Meal – Faith Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Midweek Lenten Worship – Faith Church
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Friday	9:00 a.m. -	Naomi Circle at Audrey Witte'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. -	Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior’s:	
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Offering, Sunday, March 3	\$3,275.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$1,808.00
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Adult Class Attendance, March 3	20

<u>Calamus Lutheran Parish</u>	<u>Church Office 246-2622</u>
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Parish Photo Directory

Faith and Our Savior’s Churches are preparing to update the Parish Directory. You may choose one of two options for including your photo in the directory. Please submit photos by March 31.

- 1. **Send a photo and Contact Information to Dan Burke at dburke@gmtel.net .** By providing a photo and sharing your contact information, you are allowing the Parish to include the photo and contact information in the Parish directory and Parish website. Please only submit photos to which you have the copyright and are allowed to freely reproduce.
- 2. **Place a photo and Contact Information in the basket near the Ushers’ table at either church.** By providing a photo and sharing your contact information, you are allowing the Parish to include the photo and contact information in the Parish directory and Parish website. Please only submit photos to which you have the copyright and are allowed to freely reproduce.

Contact Information includes the following.

Name of Family	Mailing Address	Main Phone Number
Names of people in photo	Email Address	

If you have any questions, please contact one of these committee members.

Jason Bousselot	Dan Burke	Shane Glover	Terri Bousselot
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