

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 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

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(* Please stand if you are able)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of God the Father of glory;
in the name of God the Son, our Redeemer;
in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.
Gracious God,

C: we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* – Hymn 436**

***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. **C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.** -
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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1—5

L: A reading from Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 (*To be read responsively*)

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

**Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem--built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

**To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."

**For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you."**

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11—14

L: A reading from Romans.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*** 🎶 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – "Alleluia. Lord, to whom..."** page 142

***P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36—44

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY: *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* -**

Hymn 242

***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: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 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 742: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Hymn 638: *Blessed Assurance*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

God of wonder, we give thanks that you have fed us once again with this foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift to serve our neighbor with joy, that all may come to see your glory reflected in the lives of your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

*BLESSING

P. The God of hope, through Christ our peace,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Cong: Amen

SENDING SONG: *Fling Wide the Door – Hymn 259

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Bring good news to 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.

Organist:	Linda Whitman
Acolyte:	Drake Olson
Lector:	Jason Bousselot
Communion Assistant:	Dan Burke
Ushers:	Ray Detlefs, Art Bousselot, Shane Glover
Cleaners:	Dan and Cindy Burke

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 to worship with us again.

Those to keep in prayer this week: For Cathy Goddard, Susan Marty, Barbara Dannatt, Skye Doerscher, Kristi Reed, Candice Ogden, Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Audrey Witte, Signe Rock, Myrtle Koslofsky, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen;

For Austin Miller, Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

There is a Sunday School Class and an Adult Class for all those from three years of age and above. Please join us at 9:25 a.m. at Our Savior's Church.

Luther League Monthly Meeting Today!

Luther League welcomes **all Junior High and High School Youth**, for our first official meeting of the year! Let's get off to a great start!

Where: Our Savior's, in the Kitchen

When: Sunday, December 1, during Sunday School Hour, 9:25 a.m.

**Agenda: Elect 2014 Youth Officers, Angel Tree planning
and discuss other ideas for 2014**

Midweek Advent Schedule:

◆ December 4 – Faith Church

◆ December 11 – St. John's Church (*Bliedorn*)

◆ December 18 – Our Savior's Church

(A 6:00 meal precedes each Advent Midweek Worship)

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study: There will be a Bible study following Advent service on December 4 at Faith; No Bible study on December 11; There will be a Bible study on December 18 at Our Savior's following the Advent service; No Bible study on Christmas or New Year's. **Starting January 8, 2014**, the regular Bible study schedule of 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday begins.

**Sunday School Children's Christmas
Program, "The Gift of Jesus,"**

**10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 15, at Our
Savior's.**

**Rehearsals for the program will take place on
Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour.**

It is important to have as many children as possible at every rehearsal.

The **Noisy Offering** will be received next Sunday, December 8.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class at OS
	9:25 a.m. -	Luther League Monthly Meeting at OS
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Advent Meal at Faith Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Advent Worship at Faith Church
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal At Faith Church
	7:45 p.m. -	Women's Fellowship Bible Study at Faith
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class at OS Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, November 24.....	48
Sunday School Attendance, November 24.....	29
Adult Class Attendance, November 24.....	17
Faith: Worship Attendance, November 24	72
Offering, Sunday, November 17	\$2,380.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$1,808.00

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