

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014

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.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 210

*(*Please stand, if you are able)*

GATHERING

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** – pages 211—212

***GATHERING SONG:** *This Is the Spirit's Entry Now* – Hymn 448

***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:** *"Glory to God..."* – page 213—215

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to
new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises,
that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your
Son, 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 – Seminary Graduate: Michelle Kanzaki

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 12:1—4a

L: A reading from Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 (*To be read responsively*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 4:1—5, 13—17

L: A reading from Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture

say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* **♩ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord..."** –

page 216

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

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

Gospel: John 3:1—17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Wartburg Seminary Graduate, Michelle Kanzaki
Silence for reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *God Loved the World* – Hymn 323

CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED

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:Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

***THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

P: Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen

***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.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore..

C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG: *How Firm a Foundation* – Hymn 796

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2014 Augsburg Fortress

Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussetot
Organist:	Our Savior's:	Jason Boussetot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Lonny & Diane Sievers
Greeter:	Faith:	Geri Schutt
Acolyte:	Faith:	Ethan Wilhelm (CA), Brianna Williams
	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
Lector:	Faith:	Doreen Henning
	Our Savior's:	Cindy Burke
Communion Assistant:	Faith:	Yale Christensen
	Our Savior's:	Brian Boussetot
Ushers:	Faith:	Yale Christensen, Mike Tendall, Adam Wilhelm, Colette Christensen
	Our Savior's:	Ray Detlefs, Shane Glover, Art Boussetot
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Dan and Cindy Burke

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 happy to have you worship with us this morning. 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 Tootie Steines, Cathy Goddard, Susan Marty, Barbara Dannatt, 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 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.

Faith and Our Savior's Reminder: Today, March 16, is the Sunday designated for our councils and congregation members to help serve the CALCO breakfast. Our Savior's will take the early shift, 7:30—10:00 a.m. and Faith will take the late shift, 10:00 a.m. until closing and clean-up. Thanks for your community support!

The **Luther League Bake Sale** will be held this morning at the CALCO

Lydia Circle meets on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Arlene Green. Kay Olson will lead the Bible study.

Confirmation Class Schedule: On Wednesday, March 19, the confirmation class will meet from 6:00—6:30 p.m. before Mid-Week Lenten Worship.

Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule



March 19 - Faith Church

Worship – 7:00 p.m. ☞ Lenten Meal – 6:00 p.m.



March 26, April 2 and 9 Our Savior's Church

Worship – 7:00 p.m. ☞ Lenten Meal – 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday through April 9 in the hosting church following Midweek Lenten Worship.

Women's Fellowship/Bible Study: No Women's Wednesday Night Bible Studies during Lent. Look for booklets with the spring/summer schedule in the back of the churches by end of March.

Newsletter items are due in the office by Thursday.

Naomi Circle meets at Shirley Ferguson's home on Friday at 9:30 a.m. Shirley will also lead the Bible study.

The **Noisy Offering will be collected next Sunday.** This year the councils selected the Calamus/Wheatland School District as the recipient of the Noisy Offering as well as other special service donations with the request from the councils that the monies be earmarked for the Nutrition and Health of the students. It will be a fun challenge to see how much "noisy money" we can collect for the school. (We also accept soft, quiet currency, as well!)

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 am. -	SS/AC at Our Savior's Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church Luther League Bake Sale at CALCO
Wednesday	2:00 p.m. -	Lydia Circle at Arlene Green's
	6:00 p.m. -	Confirmation Class at Faith Church
	6:00 p.m. -	Lenten Meal at Faith Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Midweek Lenten Worship at Faith Church
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Friday	9:30 a.m. -	Naomi Circle at Shirley Ferguson's
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	SS/AC at Our Savior's Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, March 9 26

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Offering, Sunday, March 9 \$1,086.00

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$1,976.00

Midweek Lenten Worship Attendance, March 12 50

Sunday School Attendance, March 9 27

Adult Class Attendance, March 9 13

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