

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 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. 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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face, that we may live.
Holy God,

C: we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Hear for yourselves: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of Jesus, the one God sent to save the world.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* – Hymn 325**

***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 – page 138**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

♫**C: Lord, have mercy.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHOIR: "I Love You, Lord" by Laurie Klein

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Sarah – Noisy Offering

WORD

First Reading: Exodus 17:1—7

L: A reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 (*To be read responsively*)

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

when your ancestors tested me,

and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation

and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,

and they do not regard my ways."

Therefore in my anger I swore,

"They shall not enter my rest."

Second Reading: Romans 5:1—11

L: A reading from Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though

perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 4:1—6

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" – although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized – he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* – Hymn 802**

***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;
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 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 838: *Beautiful Savior*

Hymn 824: *This Is My Father's World*

Hymn 856: *How Great Thou Art*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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: *Be Thou My Vision* – Hymn 793**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringin' of the Bell

Postlude

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

Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
Organist:	Our Savior's:	Jason Bousselot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Lonny & Diane Sievers
Greeter:	Faith:	Colette Christensen
Acolyte:	Faith:	Ethan Wilhelm (CA), Brianna Williams
	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
Lector:	Faith:	Lucy Lee Petersen
	Our Savior's:	Mark Olson
Communion Assistant:		
	Faith:	Yale Christensen
	Our Savior's:	Brian Bousselot
Ushers:	Faith:	Yale Christensen, Mike Tendall, Adam Wilhelm, Colette Christensen
	Our Savior's:	Ray Detlefs, Shane Glover, Art Bousselot
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.

The **Noisy Offering** will be collected this morning. This year the councils selected the Calamus/Wheatland School District as the recipient of the Noisy Offering and 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 accept soft, quiet currency, as well!)

Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule



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.

Luther College Symphony Orchestra, Daniel Baldwin, conductor, will be performing on Saturday, March 29 at 7:30PM at Iowa City West High School Auditorium, 2901 Melrose Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa – freewill donation.

The **Carthage Choir** from Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin, with Eduardo Garcia Novelli, conducting and Gregory Borg at piano, will present *I Come With Joy* on March 29 at 4:00PM at Central Performing Arts Center, DeWitt. The performance is free and open to the public.

Spring Clean Up at Faith

8:00AM – Saturday – April 5

(Rain Date – April 12)



Spring Clean Up at Our Savior's

8:30AM – Saturday – April 12

(Rain Date – April 19)

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
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Lenten Meal at Our Savior's Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Midweek Lenten Worship at Our Savior's
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Our Savior's Church
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 16 16

Faith: Worship Attendance, March 16..... 60

Offering, Sunday, March 16 \$N/A

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$1,976.00

Mid-week Lenten Worship Attendance, March 19..... 48

Sunday School Attendance, March 16..... 30

Adult Class Attendance, March 16 9

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