

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

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(* Please stand if you are able)

***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: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1—11

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,

that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm, 85:1—2, 8—13 (*To be read responsively*)

LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.**

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8—15a

L: A reading from 2 Peter.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 St. Mark the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:1—8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor David Aanonson

SERMON – Pastor David Aanonson

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

***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: 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

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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 267: *Joy to the World*

Hymn 487: *What Feast of Love*

Hymn 490: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

***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. God most high,
God with us,
God poured out on us,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Cong: Amen

***SENDING SONG: *Prepare the Royal Highway* – Hymn 264**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringling 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: Our Savior's: Linda Whitman
Pianist: Faith: Rachel Boussetlot
Altar Ministry: Faith: Larry & Sharyl Banowetz Family
Greeter: Faith: Gary Braet
Acolyte: Our Savior's: Chase Knoche
 Faith: Beth Tulley (CA), Anne Tulley
Lector: Our Savior's: Marcia Edens
 Faith: Mark Witte
Communion Assistant:
 Our Savior's: Cindy Burke
 Faith: Brian Tulley
Ushers: Our Savior's: Dan Burke, Mark Olson
 Faith: Mark Witte, Gary Braet,
 Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley
Cleaners: Barb Flynn, David Olson

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.

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 Heidi Von Behrend, Jerry Weiss, Tim Griffin, Geri Schutt, Barbara Dannatt, Kristi Reed, Candice Ogden, Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Malinda Malmanger, Signe Rock, Alice Schroeder, 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 for all those three years of age and above. Please join us at 9:25 a.m. at Faith Church.

There is a **God Squad Bake Sale** today in both churches.

The **God Squad Monthly Planning Meeting** will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen at Faith Church.

Advent Schedule

♫♫ Wednesday, December 10 - Our Savior's Church

♫♫♫ Wednesday, December 17 - Faith Church

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

Choir Rehearsal immediately follows the Mid-week Advent Worship each Wednesday in the church where the service is being held.

Worship Committee meets at Our Savior's on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Joint Council meets at 7:00 p.m., Thursday at Our Savior's.

Women's Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Friday at Faith's parking lot to car pool to Squiers Manor in Maquoketa. Lunch will be served following the Bible Study, led by Lois Wessels. **Please call your reservation in to the church office or to Jeannene (563-349-3736) by Monday noon.**

The **Noisy Offering** will be collected next Sunday.

Sunday School Children's Christmas Program,

"Christmas is Hope, Joy, Peace and Love"

10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 21, at Faith Church.

Rehearsals for the program will take place on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour and on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 9:00 am.**

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



The God Squad will soon be shopping for our local Angel Tree. We have not yet received our Angel Tree names but if you are interested in either shopping for an angel or making a donation and have the God Squad shop for you, please contact Heather Grau, Ashley Steffens or Colette Christiansen.

The Calco is holding a basket raffle at their December 14th breakfast.
 If you would like to donate a basket, please contact Joyce Boedeker (246-2460) or Lori Johannsen (246-2377).

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/AC/God Squad at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Advent Meal at Our Savior's Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Advent Worship at Our Savior's Church
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Our Savior's Church
Thursday	6:00 p.m. -	Worship Committee at Our Savior's
	7:00 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/AC/God Squad at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, November 30..... 38

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Offering, Sunday, November 30 \$N/A

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$1,976.00

Sunday School Attendance, November 30..... 38

God Squad Attendance, November 30..... 3

Adult Class Attendance, November 30..... 12

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Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism as a means by which *the head of the family shall teach* (the Christian faith) *to his(her) household*. He began his catechism with the Ten Commandments. This he did because, as Law, the Commandments show us our sin and our need for the Gospel.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? *We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things* (*Book of Concord*. Theodore G. Tappert, translator. p. 342).

Prayer: Lord God, holy and heavenly Father, it is easy to give in to the temptations of today to fear, love, and trust in ourselves and the gifts that You have given to us. We too often make our wants and desires of greater importance than You. Forgive us when we become our own idols. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may worship You alone and follow Your command to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.