

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**O Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 14, 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**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138*

(\* Please stand if you are able)

**CHOIR:** "We Are Waiting" by Albrecht, Wesley and Althouse  
"Prepare Ye" by Shafferman and Page

**CHOIR:** "You Are Loved" by Cindy Berry

**HOLY BAPTISM** – (*See Baptism Insert*)

**\*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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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 61:1—4, 8—11**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 1:46b—55** *(To be read responsively)*

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

**and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

**for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.**

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

**He has shown strength with his arm;**

**he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

**he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.**

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

**according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16—24**

L: A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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 three candles of the Advent wreath.)*

♪ **Light three candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway  
for the King of glory.**

\*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

**Gospel: John 1:6—8, 19—28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"  
as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** – Pastor David Aanonson

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*Silence for reflection*

*"For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given,  
and the government shall be upon his shoulders;  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counselor,  
the Mighty God,*

*the everlasting Father,  
the Prince of Peace."  
- Isaiah 9:6*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* – Hymn 251**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Each petition ends with P: Let us pray.*

**C: Have mercy, O God.)**

**\*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 – page 132**

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end,...

Do, this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

### **COMMUNION**

♪ "*Lamb of God...*" – page 146

### **Hymns Sung During Distribution:**

**Hymn 487: *What Feast of Love***

**Hymn 267: *Joy to the World***

**Hymn 490: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

### **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

God of wonder, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to com. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of 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:** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* – Hymn 256

### \*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.

<b>Organist:</b>	Linda Whitman
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Diane Christensen
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Chase Knoche
<b>Lector:</b>	Dan Burke
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Cindy Burke
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dan Burke, Mark Olson
<b>Cleaners:</b>	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.

This morning at Our Savior's, through Holy Baptism, **Kinnick Andrew**, son of Lynn and Katie Olson, is welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Kinnick's sponsors are Ryan Olson and Melissa Armstrong. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Kinnick.

### **Advent Schedule**

⦿⦿⦿ **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.

**Rehearsal for the Sunday School Christmas Program  
will take place on**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 9:00 am. at Faith Church.**

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

**Sunday School Children's Christmas  
Program,**

**"Christmas is Hope, Joy, Peace and  
Love"**

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

The **CALCO Brunch** is being served until 12:00 noon today.

**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
Saturday	9:00 a.m. -	Program Rehearsal at Faith Church
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. -	Christmas Program at Faith Church

**Our Savior's:**

Worship Attendance, December 7 .....	36
Midweek Advent Worship Attendance, December 3.....	55

**Faith:**

Worship Attendance, December 7 .....	48
Offering, Sunday, December 7 .....	\$2,150.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget .....	\$1,976.00

Sunday School Attendance, December 7 .....	36
God Squad Attendance, December 7 .....	5
Adult Class Attendance, December 7 .....	16

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## **Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* for the Bulletin**

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 with the Ten Commandments. This he did because, as Law, the Commandments show us our sin and our need for the Gospel.

### **The Second Commandment**

*You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God, and so we should not use His name to curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive, but in every time of need call upon Him, pray to Him, praise Him, and give Him thanks* (*Book of Concord*. Theodore G. Tappert, translator. p. 342).

Prayer: Lord God, holy and heavenly Father, forgive us when we so casually use your name, often without thought that Your name is the most holy word that can pass over our lips. Grant that we may use Your name to call upon You in prayer and give You the praise and thanks due Your name. May all our speech be holy speech giving witness to Your Son, Jesus Christ, as Lord of all. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.