

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Epiphany of Our Lord/Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2015

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

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138

(* Please stand if you are able)

GATHERING

CHOIR: "You Are Loved" by Cindy Berry

HOLY BAPTISM – (*See Baptism Insert*)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: God of peace,

C: we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves.

We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ.

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *How Good, Lord, to Be Here – Hymn 315

***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. – pages 138-139

C: "Lord, have mercy."

*♪ **HYMN OF PRAISE** – "**This is the feast...**" – page 140

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, 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 60:1—6

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1—7, 10—14 (*To be read responsively*)

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,**

may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

**For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1—12

L: A reading from Ephesians

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* **♩ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia..."** – page 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the second chapter.

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1—12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the

child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: *God, Whose Almighty Word – Hymn 673

***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**

***THE PRAYERS** (*Each petition ends: 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.

Good and loving God,

C: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, 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 – 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.

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.

COMMUNION

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 445: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

Hymn 301: *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky*

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

C: Amen.

P: May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

C: Amen.

P: May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

C: Amen.

P: And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG: *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* – Hymn 314

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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 Boussetot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Lois Wessels, Laurie Storjohann, Diane Christensen
Greeter:	Faith:	Jeannene Boussetot
Acolyte:	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
	Faith:	Noah Mullin (CA), Caleb Banowetz
Lector:	Our Savior's:	Joe Morehead
	Faith:	Diane Christensen
Communion Assistant:		
	Our Savior's:	Deb Detlefs
	Faith:	Laurie Storjohann
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	David Olson, Joe Morehead
	Faith:	Daryl Henning, Doreen Henning, Blaine Henning, Kayla Henning, Ashley Steffens
Cleaners:		Marcia Edens, Mark 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 the families of Dolores Johnson and Evelyn Stueland, whose funerals were held this past week, For Gary Braet, Scott Fisher, Heidi Von Behrend, Jerry Weiss, Tim Griffin, Geri Schutt, 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 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 Faith Church, by means of Holy Baptism, **Brent Matthew**, son of Luke and Jessica Shelton, is welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Brent's sponsors are Matthew and Jennifer Heitland. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Brent.

There are no committee meetings this month. Regular schedules resume in February.

Confirmation Class meets Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at Faith Church.

The **New Members Class** will meet from 7:00—8:00 p.m. at Faith Church on this Wednesday, January 14 and again on January 21. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of Faith or Our Savior's , or if you just want to learn more about Lutherans, you are welcome to be a part of the group.

Choir rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Faith Church.

Joint Council meets at Faith Church, Thursday, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Naomi Circle meets in the home of Joan Shelton on Friday at 9:30 a.m. Marsha Witte will lead the Bible Study.

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

Sidewalk Snow Removal at Faith Church: If anyone is interested in providing this service, please contact Brian Tulley 246-2121 or Hal Shelton 847-6221 or call the church office 246-2622.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/Adult Class - F
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Confirmation Class at Faith Church
	7:00 p.m. -	New Members Class at Faith Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Thursday	7:00 p.m. -	Joint Council at Faith Church
Friday	9:30 a.m. -	Naomi Circle at Joan Shelton's
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/Adult Class - F
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, January 4 29

Faith: Worship Attendance, January 4..... N/A
Offering, Sunday, January 4 \$1,967.38
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$2,450.00

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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 Fifth Commandment

You shall not kill.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God, and so we should not endanger our neighbor's life, nor cause him or her any harm, but help and befriend him or her in every necessity of life.* (*Book of Concord*. Theodore G. Tappert, translator. p. 343.)

Prayer: Lord God, Holy and Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the gift of life that you have given to us. You spoke Your word about this precious gift of life through the prophet Jeremiah, *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you*. Grant that we may guard and protect all life and that we may seek to help our neighbors enjoy the fullness of life that is Your will for all who dwell on Your earth. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.