

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Holy and merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.

P: Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God's reign.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: *Chief of Sinners Though I Be* – Hymn 609**

***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: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21—31

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 147:1—11, 20c (*To be read responsively*)

Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.

**He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

**The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

**He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**

He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.

**His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;**
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16—23

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:29—39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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:** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* – Hymn 618

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

***CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED**

P: Using the words of the Apostles Creed, let us confess our holy faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.

Merciful God,

**C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together
to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from
the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory
through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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 494: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

Hymn 487: *What Feast of Love*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: God the Father, light-creator;
God the Son, Light from Light;
and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: *O Jesus, I Have Promised – Hymn 810

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring 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:	Diane and Herb Wilhelm
Greeter:	Faith:	Judy McMahon
Acolyte:	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
	Faith:	Kale Whitman (CA), Karragan Whitman
Lector:	Our Savior's:	Cindy Burke
	Faith:	Terri Boussetlot
Communion Assistant:		
	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke
	Faith:	Ruth Braet
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	Brian Boussetlot, Deb Detlefs
	Faith:	Marilyn Schau, Larry Schau, Diane Wilhelm, Herb Wilhelm
Cleaners:		Jason and Chad Boussetlot

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 Gary Braet, Claire Wallace, Josie Watham, Nancy Ramige, Malinda Malmanger, Signe Rock, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen and Myrna Kay Petersen.

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.

Council members and officers being installed this morning: Our Savior's – Dan Burke, Brian Bousset, Megan Will, Jason Bousset, Cindy Burke, Joe Morehead, Mark Olson, Deb Detlefs and Barb Flynn; **Faith** – President, Mark Witte, V. President – Dirk Braet, Secretary – Ashley Steffens, Treasurer – Doreen Henning, Financial Secretary – Yale Christensen, Marilyn Schau, Hal Shelton, Brian Tulley and Eric Hoffman.

Committee night will be held at Our Savior's on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Joint Council begins at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at Our Savior's Church.

The Noisy Offering will be collected next Sunday, February 15.

2015 Annual Overnight Ski Trip at Sundown is planned for February 20! Sign-up sheets at both churches; if you are interested please sign up by February 1 – next Sunday. Friends and family are welcome to join the fun: \$42 fro rental/lift pass/lesson. God Squad will cover fees for God Squad Members, with funds raised in 2014 – thank you for all your hard work and support!!!!

Summer lawn care for the Kvindherred Cemetery and Our Savior's church lawn: If you are interested in the lawn care for these two sites, please contact Dan Burke (563-468-8586) or Brian Bousselot 246-2776.

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.

The DeWitt Operahouse is hosting a unique performance of the play, *Map of My Kingdom* this Sunday afternoon, February 8th at 2:00 pm. The one hour show presents snapshots of farm families struggling with land transition. Faith and its relationship to the land is a theme present in the play. There will be a Panel Question and Answer session facilitated by Mary Swander after the performance. No admission is required but a \$ 5 donation is encouraged. All proceeds will be going to the FFA chapters at Calamus Wheatland and Central of Dewitt High Schools.

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
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. -	Committee Night at Our Savior's Church
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Confirmation Class at Faith Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Thursday	6:00 p.m. -	Worship Committee at Our Savior's
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Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, January 25	38
Worship Attendance, February 1	Cancelled

Faith:

Worship Attendance, January 25	42
Offering, Sunday, January 25	\$1,423.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,066.00
Worship Attendance, February 1	Cancelled

Sunday School Attendance, January 25	23
God Squad Attendance, January 25	Cancelled
Adult Class Attendance, January 25	Cancelled

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

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God, and so we should not tell lies about our neighbor, nor betray, slander, or defame him or her, but should apologize for him or her, speak well of him or her, and interpret charitably all that he or she does.* (*Book of Concord*. Theodore G. Tappert, translator. p. 343.)

Prayer: Lord God, Holy and Heavenly Father, we ask that You guard our hearts and our tongues that we do not speak disparaging words against our neighbor. Grant that we seek to understand those who are different from us. May we seek to speak well of our neighbor and interpret in the most charitable way possible all that our neighbor does or says. Grant that we may build up others rather than tear them down. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.