

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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, Setting3, page 138

(* Please stand if you are able)

GATHERING

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life.

Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins.

Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* – Hymn 597**

***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."

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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: Genesis 17:1—7, 15—16

L: A reading from Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 22:23—31 *(To be read responsively)*

You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

**Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,**
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Second Reading: Romans 4:13—25

L: A reading from Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*** ♪ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord..." –**
page 142

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

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

Gospel: Mark 8:31—38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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:** *For the Fruit of All Creation* – Hymn 679

***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.

God our provider,

C: 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 481: *Come to the Table*

Hymn 480: *O Bread of Life from Heaven*

Hymn 479: *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: The blessing of God Almighty,
the wisdom and power of Christ Jesus,
and the light of the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG: *Jesus Loves Me!* – Hymn 595**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2015 Augsburg Fortress

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 glad to have you worship with us this morning. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come back to worship with us again.

Organist:	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussetlot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Lonny and Diane Sievers
Greeter:	Faith:	Yale Christensen
Acolyte:	Our Savior's:	Riley Bruns
	Faith:	Andrew Grau (CA), Colin Grau
Lector:	Our Savior's:	Marcia Edens
	Faith:	Mike Tendall
Communion Assistant:		
	Our Savior's:	Katarina Harkness
	Faith:	Yale Christensen
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	Art Boussetlot, Shane Glover
	Faith:	Yale Christensen, Mike Tendall, Adam Wilhelm, Colette/Makenna Christensen
Cleaners:		Shane and Amy Glover

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 Marcella Husen, Shirley Ferguson, Vicki Sharp, 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.

Midweek Lenten Services:

Wednesday, March 4 - 7:00 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 11, 18 and 25 - 7:00 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church

† Supper served at 6:00 p.m. - Free Will Offering for Meal

CALCO Workers needed for March 8: The Calamus Lutheran Parish is responsible for supplying workers for March 8 at the CALCO. Faith workers time period is 7:30 –10:00 a.m. and Our Savior's time is 10:00—12:30. Please let your council know if you will be able to work.

Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines – Monday, March 9: Join Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa Synods of the ELCA to learn how to advocate for those who are not heard, for seeking social justice and for empowering people to exercise their right and responsibility to be part of the legislative process. Transportation from Iowa City and lunch will be provided. Call the church office if you would like more details.

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 Boussetlot 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.

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. -	Mid-week Lenten Meal at Our Savior's
	7:00 p.m. -	Mid-week Worship at Our Savior'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, February 22	38
Ash Wednesday	52
Midweek Lenten February 25	Cancelled

Faith:

Worship Attendance, February 22	54
Offering, Sunday, February 22	\$1,885.30
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,066.00

Sunday School Attendance, February 22	30
God Squad Attendance, February 22	4
Adult Class Attendance, February 22	13

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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 Conclusion to the Ten Commandments

What then does God say about all these commandments?

God says the following: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God. Against those who hate Me I visit the sin of the fathers on the children up to the third and fourth generation. But I do good to those who love Me and keep My commandments to the thousandth generation."

What is this?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore we are to fear His wrath and not disobey these commandments. However God promises grace and every good thing to those who keep these commandments. Therefore we also are to love and trust Him and gladly act according to His commands (Book of Concord. Theodore G. Tappert, translator. p. 344.)

Prayer: Lord God, Holy and Heavenly Father, Out of gracious love You give us the Ten Commandments so that we may know Your will. Grant to us, out of Your great storehouse of grace, the will to be obedient to You and to show our love for You by doing Your will. May it be that in following Your will others may see Christ living in us and turn and follow Your way. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.