

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 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)

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

***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 give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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: Malachi 3:1—4

L: A reading from Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:68—79 (*To be read responsively*)

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,**

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
**that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of
all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,

**the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us**

that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,

**in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

**to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death,**

to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3—11

L: A reading from Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the

day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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. Luke the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 3:1—6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

SERMON – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

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*

***HYMN OF THE DAY: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" –**
Hymn 249

***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

***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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: God fills the hungry with good things.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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.

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: May God direct your ways in peace,
make you abound in love for one another and for all,
and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus.
Almighty God, 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. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringin' of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2016 Augsburg Fortress

Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Bousset
Organist:	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Sharyl and Larry Banowetz Family
Greeter:	Faith:	Gary Braet
Acolyte:	Faith:	Caleb Banowetz
	Our Savior's:	Riley Bruns
Communion Assistant:		
	Faith:	Brian Tulley
	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke
Lector:	Faith:	Mark Witte
	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke
Ushers:	Faith:	Mark Witte, Dirk Braet, Gary Braet, Dick Johnson, Brian Tulley
	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke, Art Bousset
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Art and Sharon Bousset

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. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available during Holy Communion. Please indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. We invite you to return and 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 family of Malinda Malmanger who passed away on Monday; For Vera St. John, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth

Goddard, Katy Petersen, Mallory Bousselot, Vicki Sharp, Josie Watham, Nancy Ramige, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen, Geri Schutt 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 Our Savior's Church.

The God Squad is having a bake sale this morning.

During Advent, Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesdays, December 9 at Faith and December 16 at Our Savior's from 6:15—6:45 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal will be held each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church building where we will gather for Advent Worship. A rehearsal will also be held on Saturday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m. at Our Savior's.

Midweek Advent Schedule:

7:00 p.m. - Wednesdays

◆ December 9 – Faith Church

(A 6:00 p.m. meal will be prepared and served by God Squad)

◆ December 16 – Our Savior's Church

(A 6:00 potluck meal precedes the Worship)

Choir Rehearsal at Faith following the mid-week Advent Worship.

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

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

The Noisy Offering will be received next Sunday.

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.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class – Our Savior's
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Advent Meal at Faith Church
	6:00 p.m. -	Christmas Program Practice at Faith
	6:15 p.m. -	Confirmation Class at Faith Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Advent Worship Service at Faith Church
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class – Our Savior's
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

Faith:

Worship Attendance, November 29	60
Offering, Sunday, November 29	\$2,189.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,066.00
Midweek Advent Worship Service, December 2.....	66

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, November 29	35
Sunday School Attendance, November 29.....	22
God Squad Attendance, November 29.....	6
Adult Class Attendance, November 29.....	16

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