

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 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)

***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 preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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: Zephaniah 3:14—20

L: A reading from Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 12:2—6 (*To be read responsively*)

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:
Give thanks to the LORD,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4—7

L: A reading from Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 gate-way
for the King of glory.**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 3:7—18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor William Runaas, Jr. – Noisy Offering

SERMON – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

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

Hymn 487: "What Feast of Love"

Hymn 267: "Joy to the World"

***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: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People – Hymn 256**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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

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

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 Vera St. John, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Katy Petersen, Mallory Bousset, Tina (a friend of Julie Gronewold's who has lung cancer), 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 **Noisy Offering** will be received today. Our Noisy Offering for 2015 has been designated for **ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water**. The goal of this project is to raise \$500,000 for ELCA World Hunger – supported water projects around the world in 2015.

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

Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal will be held this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at Our Savior's. 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 16– Our Savior's Church

(A 6:00 potluck meal precedes the Worship)

Choir Rehearsal at Our Savior's following the mid-week Advent Worship.

Naomi Circle will meet at Squier's Manor, 418 W. Pleasant Street, Maquoketa, on Friday at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served following the

Bible study. Those wishing to carpool will meet at Faith parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Please notify Jeannene by Monday if you are able to attend.

The **Children's Sunday School Program** will be presented at 10:30 a.m. next Sunday, December 20, at Our Savior's Church.

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
Friday	10:00 a.m. -	Naomi Circle at Squiers Manor
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. -	Christmas Program at Our Savior's Church

Faith:

Worship Attendance, December 6	63
Offering, Sunday, December 6	\$2,900.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,066.00
Midweek Advent Worship Attendance, December 9	63

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, December 6	32
Sunday School Attendance, December 6	24
God Squad Attendance, December 6	9
Adult Class Attendance, December 6	16

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