

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 3, 2016

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

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

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, 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, confession 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. Amen.

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: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" - Hymn 283**

***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.

***♪ 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: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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: Jeremiah 31:7—14

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,

and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame,

those with child and those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.
Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:12—20

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

**For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.**

He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

**He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.**

He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.

**He hurls down hail like crumbs—
who can stand before his cold?**

He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

**He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances.
Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3—14

L: A reading from Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:1—18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

***HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"** – Hymn 279

***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

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(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.

C: Good and loving God, 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**

***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: The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal.
Come, behold and receive your God.

COMMUNION

♪"Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 286: "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

Hymn 298: "The Bells of Christmas"

***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: "As with Gladness Me of Old" – Hymn 302**

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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

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| Pianist: | Faith: | Rachel Boussetot |
| Organist: | Our Savior's: | Linda Whitman |
| Altar Ministry: | Faith: | Lois Wessels, Diane Christensen |
| Greeter: | Faith: | Joan Shelton |
| Acolyte: | Faith: | Caleb Banowetz |
| | Our Savior's: | Drake Olson |
| Lectors: | Faith: | Doreen Henning |
| | Our Savior's: | Mark Olson |
| Communion Assistant: | | |
| | Faith: | Laurie Storjohann |
| | Our Savior's: | Cindy Burke |
| Ushers: | Faith: | Daryl Henning, Doreen Henning, Blaine Henning, Kayla Henning, Ashley Steffens |
| | Our Savior's: | David Olson, Brian Boussetot |
| Cleaners: | Our Savior's: | Brian Boussetot, Dylan Boussetot |

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 Rita Seastrand, who passed away last Sunday; For Vera St. John, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Katy Petersen, Mallory Boussetot, 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.

Bake Sale sponsored by the God Squad will be held this morning.

A funeral service for Rita Seastrand will be held at Faith Church on Tuesday beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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

Thank You – Jane and I would like to thank the Calamus Congregations for all the Christmas blessings and good will that have been shared this season. We also thank you for your gifts and cards that were shared with us. May you all have a blessed New Year in 2016. Pastor Bill and Jane.

Committee Reports for the Annual Report are due in the church office no later than January 4, 2016. These include Property and Management, Education Worship, Christian Outreach/Stewardship, God Squad and also needed are reports from the congregation presidents. **All financial reports are due by January 18, 2016.** Thank you!

This Week At A Glance

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| Today | 8:00 a.m. - | Worship Service at Faith Church |
| | 9:25 a.m. - | Sunday School/God Squad/AC at OS |
| | 10:30 a.m. - | Worship Service at Our Savior's Church |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. - | Confirmation Class at Faith Church |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. - | Worship Service at Faith Church |
| | 9:25 a.m. - | Sunday School/God Squad/AC at OS |
| | 10:30 a.m. - | Worship Service at Our Savior's Church |

Faith:

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| Worship Attendance, December 27 | 43 |
| Offering, Sunday, December 27 | \$1,996.75 |
| Needed Weekly to Meet Budget | \$2,066.00 |
| Attendance, Christmas Day..... | 55 |

Our Savior's:

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| Worship Attendance, December 27 | 25 |
| No Sunday School Classes, December 27 | |
| Attendance, Christmas Eve | 83 |

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