

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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 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 brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Merciful Father,

C: we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends.

Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

P: We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" – Hymn 335**

***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.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHOIR: "He Was Wounded for Our Transgression" by Eugene L. Clark

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1—9

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1—8

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
**when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1—13

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 13:1—9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this

fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

***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 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: God our provider, 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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who thirst, all who hunger,
come and be filled with the goodness of God.

COMMUNION

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 337: "Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed"

Hymn 319: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through 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: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" – Hymn 810**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

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

Pianist: Faith: Rachel Boussetot

Organist: Our Savior's: Linda Whitman

Altar Ministry: Faith: Herb and Diane Wilhelm

Greeter: Faith: Shirley Ferguson

Acolyte: Faith: Karragan Whitman

Our Savior's: Drake Olson

Lectors: Faith: Kevin Henning

Our Savior's: Deb Detlefs

Communion Assistant:

Faith: Brian Tulley

Our Savior's: Deb Detlefs

Ushers: Faith: Marilyn Schau, Larry Schau,
Diane Wilhelm, Herb Wilhelm

Our Savior's: Shane Glover, Dan Burke

Cleaners: Our Savior's: Dan and Cindy Burke

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 Ron Gasper, Arvella Pewe, Vera St. John, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Katy Petersen, Scott McConnell, Mallory Bousselot, Tina, 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 p.m. at Our Savior's Church.

The Noisy Offering will be collected this morning. The councils and committee members have selected ELCA Disaster Response (emphasizing the Syrian refugee crisis) as the Noisy Offering recipient for 2016.

Confirmation Class will be from 6:00—6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Our Savior's.

Midweek Lenten Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at **Our Savior's**. A served 6:00 meal precedes the service.

Choir Rehearsal follows the 7:00 Lenten Service on Wednesday at Our Savior's.

The congregations will be gathering items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits during Lent. The goal is to have enough items to assemble 40 kits. Items needed are bars of soap (4-5 oz.) in original wrapping, bath-size towels (52" x 27", light-weight, dark-colored recommended), toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging), sturdy combs, and nail clippers. There are baskets at both Faith and Our Savior's for the donations.

This Week At A Glance

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 Our Savior's Church
	6:00 p.m. -	Lenten Meal at Our Savior's Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Midweek Lenten Worship at Our Savior's
Sunday	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Our Savior's Church
	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:

Worship Attendance, February 21	54
Offering, Sunday, February 21	\$1,609.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,182.00
Midweek Lenten Attendance, February 24.....	58

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, February 21	40
Sunday School Attendance, February 21	N/A
God Squad Attendance, February 21	N/A
Adult Class Attendance, February 21	18

Calamus Lutheran Parish	Church Office 246-2622
Pastor's Office	246-2558
Pastor William Runaas, Jr. Cell Phone.....	319-231-5262
Pastor William Runaas, Jr. Email Address..	clparishpastor@fbcom.net
Church Email Address	clparish@fbcom.net
Church Web Site	www.clparish.org
