

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

March 27, 2016

(The congregation gathers outside or downstairs if inclement weather)

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

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PROCESSION WITH PALMS – Luke 19:28—40

P: After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

(Process into sanctuary, down the center aisle; Peel off to side aisles and take your places. Remain standing until all are at their places.)

***HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" – Hymn 344**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray.

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, 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: "You Are Loved" by Cindy Berry

HOLY BAPTISM (*See Insert*)

Psalm 31:9—16 (*To be read responsively by whole verse*)

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

**For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**

For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."**

My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

CHOIR: "Comes the King" by Stone, Carlson and Williamson

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 23:1—49

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

C: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said,

C: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together,

C: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

C: "Crucify, crucify him!"

A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains,

C: 'Fall on us';

and to the hills,

C: 'Cover us.'

For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

C: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

C: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

There was also an inscription over him,

C: "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

C: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, saying,

C: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said,

C: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

C: "Certainly this man was innocent."

And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" – Hymn 660**

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

HYMN: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" – Hymn 490 vs. 1,2

***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: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION

***BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

O God, in this holy meal you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection. 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

***BENEDICTION**

P: God our Father bless you and shield you.

Christ our Mother shelter you and carry you.

God the Holy Spirit guide your journey both now and forever.

C: Amen

***HYMN: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" – Hymn 347**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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.

Organist:		Jason Bousselot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Hal and Andrea Shelton
Greeter:	Faith:	Lois Wessels
Acolyte:	Faith:	Andrew Grau
	Our Savior's:	Riley Bruns
Communion Assistant:		
	Faith:	Yale Christensen/Colette Christensen
	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke
Ushers:	Faith:	Yale Christensen, Dick Johnson, Adam Wilhelm, Colette Christensen, Makenna Christensen
	Our Savior's:	Art Bousselot, Mark Olson
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	David Olson

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 again.

There is a **"cry room"** available in the back of each church, if you would like to make use of these 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 Bousset, Tina, Vicki Sharp, Josie Watham, Nancy Ramige, Bob Barnard, Junior Homrighausen, 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.

This morning at Faith Church, **Jack Dean, son of Adam and Leah Warnemunde**, is welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Jack's sponsors are Angie Poen and Lance Goettsch. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Jack!

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.

Parish members work at CALCO this Sunday, March 20: Our Savior's members will work from 7:00—10:00 a.m. and Faith will work the second shift from 10:00 a.m. until closing.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church

Good Friday – 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Church

Easter

7:00 a.m. Worship at Faith Church

8:00 a.m. Breakfast followed by Easter Egg Hunt at Faith Church

9:30 a.m. Worship at Our Savior's Church

No Sunday School Easter Sunday –

Classes resume at 9:25 a.m., April 3 at Our Savior's

Mark your calendar: Cosmic Bowling from 1:30—3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 at DeWitt Bowling Lanes. Bring a snack to share. Everybody welcome!

Thank you! Thank you! The congregations gathered items to complete **55 Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits** during Lent. We don't realize

what a blessing and privilege it is to have towels, soap, tooth brushes, combs and nail clippers to use every day– thank you for sharing that blessing with others.

Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars®. After that date, Choice Dollars® will expire. Please act now!

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
Thursday	7:00 p.m. -	Maundy Thursday Worship at Faith
Friday	7:00 p.m. -	Good Friday Worship at Our Savior's
Easter Sunday	7:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	8:00 a.m. -	Breakfast served at Faith Church
	8:45 a.m. -	Easter Egg Hunt at Faith Church
	9:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

Faith:	
Worship Attendance, March 13	53
Offering, Sunday, March 13	\$1,043.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,182.00

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