

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

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(* Please stand if you are able)

(*At Faith*) **CHOIR:** "We Are Waiting" by Albrecht and Wesley and
"Prepare Ye the Way" by Page and Shafferman

***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 all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

(*At Our Savior's*) **CHOIR:** "We Are Waiting" by Albrecht and Wesley and
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WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1—10

L: A reading from Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 146:5—10

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading: James 5:7—10

L: A reading from James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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. Matthew the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: 11:2—11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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: "Hark the Glad Sound" – Hymn 239**

***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: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING - page 206

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 207

*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: Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you.
Share in the feast of salvation.

COMMUNION

♪ **"Lamb of God..."** - page 208

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 251: "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

Hymn 243: "Lost in the Night"

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P. May Christ, the Sun of righteousness,
shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path.
Almighty God, Father, son, and Holy spirit,
bless you now and forever!

Cong: Amen

***SENDING SONG: "Joy to the World" – Hymn 267**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring 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. White grape juice is 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.

Organist:	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussselot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Larry & Sharyl Banowetz Family
Greeter:	Faith:	Dirk Braet
Acolytes:	Our Savior's:	Chase Knoche
	Faith:	Anne Tulley
Lectors:	Our Savior's:	Marcia Edens
	Faith:	Marsha Witte
Communion Assistant:		
	Our Savior's:	Brian Boussselot
	Faith:	Brian Tulley
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	Mark Olson, Art Boussselot
	Faith:	Mark Witte, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley, Gary Braet
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Ray and Deb Detlefs

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 Monique Bachelder, Josh Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Will Wade, Chris Forret, Dan Montgomery, Mary Ann Washburn Stuedemann, Lauren Dudley, Ethan Friedrich, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Scott McConnell, Vicki Sharp; For the homebound: Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen, Geri Schutt, Joel Olson, Bob Barnard and Myrna Kay Petersen; and for Emily Olive, preparing for a 9—11 month deployment to Kuwait.

The altar flowers for the month of December are in memory of Doug and Meryne Henning.

The final rehearsals for the Sunday School children's Christmas program are at Faith: 5:45 pm on Wednesday, December 14, 9:00 am on Saturday, December 17, and 9:25 am on Sunday, December 18.

The Sunday School children will present "Gift of Love" at 10:30 am on Sunday, December 18, at Faith.

Because of Wednesday evening Advent services, there are no weekly confirmation classes. Classes will resume January 4, 2017.

Worship Committee will meet Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 p.m., at Faith during the Advent Supper.

Midweek Advent Schedule:

7:00 p.m. - Wednesdays

♦ December 14 and 21 – Faith Church

(A 6:00 meal precedes each Advent Midweek Worship)

Choir Rehearsal follows the 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Faith Church.

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

Naomi Circle meets Friday at Squiers Manor in Maquoketa at 10:00 a.m. A served luncheon will follow the Bible Study presented by Lois Wessels. Please call Jeannene (563-349-3736) or at the church office (246-2622) by Wednesday, December 14 for reservations.

The God Squad has 20 names for the Christmas Tree Angel project – a program which will provide gifts for children in our local area. If you would like to sponsor an angel, please notify Ashley Steffens (563-210-2540). You may purchase the gifts yourself or give Ashley money and the God Squad will do the shopping for you. Gifts need to be purchased and wrapped for delivery by Saturday, December 17. Thanks for your support.

The Calamus Lutheran Parish secretary, Jeannene Boussetot, has decided to retire at the end of May 2017. The Parish Coordinating Committee is searching for her replacement. We are looking for an active member of the parish to fill the position. **Anyone interested needs to contact Pastor Runaas at his church office to obtain a job description. The deadline for applying is 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2017.**

NOVA Christmas is Friday, December 16, at 7:30 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport. Nova Singers is a 20-voice auditioned ensemble directed by Dr. Laura Lane of Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. Tickets are available at the door; \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors.

If you are wanting to contact Pastor Bill, please use his cell phone number: 319-231-5262. Thank you.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. - Worship Service at Our Savior's 9:25 a.m. - Sunday School/GS/AC at Faith Church 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service at Faith Church
Wednesday	5:45 p.m. - Christmas Program Practice at Faith Church 6:00 p.m. - Worship Committee at Faith Church 6:00 p.m. - Advent Supper at Faith Church 7:00 p.m. - Advent Worship at Faith Church 7:45 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Thursday	7:00 p.m. - Joint Council at Our Savior's Church
Friday	10:00 a.m. - Naomi Circle at Squiers Manor, Maquoketa
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - Christmas Program practice at Faith Church
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. - Worship Service at Our Savior's 9:25 a.m. - Sunday School/GS/AC at Faith Church 10:30 a.m. - Children's Christmas Program at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, December 4	23
Midweek Advent Attendance, December 7	63

Faith:

Worship Attendance, December 4	37
Offering, December 4	\$1,227.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,182.00
Sunday School Attendance, December 4	22
God Squad Attendance, December 4	8
Adult Class Attendance, December 4	9

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