

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10, page 203

(* 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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10—16

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to

refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1—7, 17—19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

**Stir up your might,
and come to save us!**

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears,

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

L: A reading from Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his

name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

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 four candles of the Advent wreath.*)

**♪ Light four candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings.
Let your lights be shining!**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the first chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 1:18—25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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*

(Please remain seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Fling Wide the Door" – Hymn 259

***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 257: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" – verses 1—4

***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: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel " verses 5—8**

***DISMISSAL:**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2017 Augsburg Fortress

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:	Jason Bousselot
Acolyte:	Our Savior's:	Chase Knoche
Lector:	Our Savior's:	Marcia Edens
Communion Assistant:		
	Our Savior's:	Brian Bousselot
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	Mark Olson, Art Bousselot
	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 the family of Kent R. Schmidt (Geneva Meadows's son whose funeral was held on Wednesday), 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 Brian Holmes, grandson of Clara Wilhelm, who is serving his third deployment to Mosul, Iraq and Emily Olive, daughter of Dave and Tammy Olive, preparing for a 9—11 month deployment to Kuwait.

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

The altar flowers this morning at Faith Church are given by Marcia Mohr, in honor of Pastor and Jane's wedding anniversary. Marcia lives

in Arizona and was a member of the wedding party. Congratulations, Pastor Bill and Jane!

The Sunday School children will present “Gift of Love” at 10:30 this morning at Faith Church.

Midweek Advent Service

7:00 p.m. – Wednesday – December 21 – Faith Church

(A 6:00 meal precedes the Worship)

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

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Our Savior's Church – 9:00 p.m. – December 24



Christmas Day Service

Faith Church – 9:00 a.m. – December 25



New Year's Day

One Service Only

Our Savior's Church – 9:00 a.m. – January 1

No Sunday School, God Squad or Adult Class until January 8.

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.**

Committee and organization reports for the congregations' annual reports are due in the church office by December 20, 2016. These reports include: Pastor's report; Council Presidents; all committees (Education, Stewardship, Christian Outreach, Memorial and Gifts, Property and Management); Our Savior's Cemetery; and God Squad. **Financial**

reports, budgets and audit reports for the congregations are due in the church office by January 20, 2017. Thank You!

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. - Children's Christmas Program at Faith Church
Wednesday	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
Saturday	9:00 p.m. – Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship at OS
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Worship at Faith

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, December 11 30

Faith:

Worship Attendance, December 11 37

Offering, December 11 \$793.00

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$2,182.00

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Sunday School Attendance, December 11 27

God Squad Attendance, December 11 4

Adult Class Attendance, December 11 14

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