

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

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

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10, page 203

(* Please stand if you are able)

GATHERING

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours.

Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness,
and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Merciful God,

C: forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.

**We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We are silent
when we should have said something. We acted when we knew
better. We were still when we know we should have moved. For the**

wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and the Lord.

Amen.

P: People of God, look to the Son, given to heal you and set you free, because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

C: Amen.

GATHERING

***GATHERING SONG: "Lift High the Cross" – Hymn 660**

***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 – "Have mercy on us, Lord...." – page 203**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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: Genesis 12:1-4a

L: A reading from Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 4: 1-4, 13-17

L: A reading from Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

*** 🎶 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "We are turning..." – page 205**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Wm. Runaas, Jr.

SERMON – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

Silence for reflection

(Please remain seated for the singing of the hymn)

HYMN OF THE DAY: "God Loved the World" – Hymn 323

***CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

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: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; though Christ our Lord Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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: P: The Lord be with you.

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P: Lift up your hearts.

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C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen

***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: Return to God with all your heart.

Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

COMMUNION

♪"O Lamb of God..." – page 208

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 759: "Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Hymn 735: "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; though Christ our Lord

C: Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

***SENDING SONG: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" – Hymn 618**

*DISMISSAL:

P: Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2017 Augsburg
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Organist:	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussetot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Lonny & Diane Sievers
Greeter:	Faith:	Jeannene Boussetot
Acolytes:	Our Savior's:	Hailey Glover, Nora Glover
	Faith:	Ann Tulley
Lectors:	Our Savior's:	Jason Boussetot
	Faith:	Jeannene Boussetot

Communion Assistant:

	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke
	Faith:	Yale Christensen
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	Art Boussetot, Mark Olson
	Faith:	Yale Christensen, Adam Wilhelm, Diane Wilhelm, Herb Wilhelm
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Shane & Amy Glover

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 Nan Anderson, a woman from this area who is fighting cancer for the second time, Shirley Ferguson, Monique Bachelder, George and Joyce 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, Geri Schutt, 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.

Sunday School, God Squad and Adult Class meet at Faith Church on Sunday mornings at 9:25 a.m.

This morning at Faith Church, Through Holy Baptism, Jory Jett, son of Jason and Haley Sullivan, will be received into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Jory's sponsors are Jeremy Sullivan and Megan Driscoll. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Jory.

Women's Bible Study, "Bad Girls of the Bible," meets at 4:30 p.m. today at Faith Church.

Midweek Lenten Service begins at 7:00pm at Our Savior's. A 6:00pm meal precedes the meal.

Choir Rehearsal follows mid week Lenten service.

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m. at Faith on Thursday.

Joint Council meets at 7:00 p.m. at Faith on Thursday.

The **Noisy Offering** will be collected next Sunday. The 2017 recipient of the Noisy Offering is Camp Courageous of Monticello, Iowa, a year-round respite and recreation facility for individuals of all ages with disabilities.

Our Savior's and Faith members are taking their turn serving the CALCO breakfast this morning. Faith will work the first shift from 7:30 -10:30 and Our Saviors will work the second shift from 10:30-12:30

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting

A special congregational meeting will be held after worship service on April 2, 2017 for the sole purpose of voting on a change in Section C8.04.01 part B of the Constitution pertaining to Communion Participation.

Jeannene is retiring: Come give her a send off during a coffee hour March 26, 2017 in Faith's dining hall at 9:30 am

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 Church 9:25 a.m. – Sunday School/GS/AC at Faith Church 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith Church 4:30 p.m.- Women Bible Study at Faith Church
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.- Christen Outreach meeting at Faith Church
Wednesday	6:00p.m. – Midweek Lenten Meal at Our Savior's 7:00 p.m. – Midweek Lenten Worship at Our Savior's 7:45 p.m.- Choir Rehearsal at Our Savior's
Thursday	6:00p.m.- Worship Committee at Faith 7:00p.m.- Joint Council at Faith
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's Church 9:25 a.m. – Sunday School/GS/AC at Faith Church 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, March 5, 2017	44
Midweek Lenten Service Attendance March 8, 2017	54

Faith:

Worship Attendance, March 5, 2017	57
Offering, March 5, 2017, 2017	\$3,530.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,177.00
 Sunday School Attendance, February 26, 2017	 22
God Squad Attendance, February 26, 2017	6
Adult Class Attendance, February 26, 2017	19

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