

# **CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 26, 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 7, page 175*

(\* 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 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 SONG: "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" – Hymn 520**

**\*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 – "Lord, have mercy on us...." – page 175**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **WORD**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13**

L: A reading from 1 Samuel,

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.'" Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he

sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

**he leads me beside still waters;**

**he restores my soul.**

**He leads me in right paths**

**for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me**

**in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14**

L: A reading from Ephesians,

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Turn back ..." – page 179**

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

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

**Gospel: John 9: 1-41**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking

him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him,

he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" –**

Hymn 779

**\*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 - page 180**

**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: 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 182



**Hymns Sung During Distribution:**

**Hymn 673 "God, Whose Almighty Word"**

**Hymn 815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**\*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: "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" Hymn 452**

**\*DISMISSAL:**

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

<b>Organist:</b>	Our Savior's:	Jason Bousselot
<b>Pianist:</b>	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
<b>Altar Ministry:</b>	Faith:	Lonny & Diane Sievers
<b>Greeter:</b>	Faith:	Lois Wessels
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Our Savior's:	Hailey Glover, Nora Glover
	Faith:	Ann Tulley
<b>Lectors:</b>	Our Savior's:	Deb Detlefs
	Faith:	Lucy Lee-Petersen
Communion Assistant:		
	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke
	Faith:	Yale Christensen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Our Savior's:	Art Bousselot, Mark Olson
	Faith:	Yale Christensen, Adam Wilhelm, Diane Wilhelm, Herb Wilhelm
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Our Savior's:	Shane & Amy Glover

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 Steve Waldorf and his family, Ed and Geneva Meadows, Nan Anderson, 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.**

**Mid Week Lenten Service** begins at 7:00pm at Faith. A 6:00pm meal precedes the service.

**Choir Rehearsal** follows mid week Lenten service.

### **Let's Go Bowling!**



**Sunday, March 26 -1:00 – 3:00 p.m. DeWitt Lanes**  
**Bring a treat to share! Bring a friend!**

**Vacation Bible School** is **May 1, 8, 15, 22 from 3:30-5**. They are looking for volunteers to read stories and provide snacks. Please contact a member of the education committee if you would like to help. Signup sheets will be available at the back of the church starting in April.

**First Communion classes** will be on Wednesday May 3rd and 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Church. Please contact Pastor or the church office if you would like to go.

### **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.

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. – Jeannene Bousselot send off
	1:00-3:00 p.m. – Bowling in DeWitt Lanes
Wednesday	6:00p.m. – Midweek Lenten Meal at Faith
	7:00 p.m. – Midweek Lenten Worship at Faith
	7:45 p.m.- Choir Rehearsal 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 198, 2017 .....	42
Mid Week Lenten Attendance March 15, 2017 .....	54

### **Faith:**

Worship Attendance, March 19, 2017 .....	61
Offering, March 26, 2017 .....	\$1,200.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget .....	\$2,177.00
Sunday School Attendance, March 19, 2017 .....	28
God Squad Attendance, March 19, 2017 .....	7
Adult Class Attendance, March 19, 2017 .....	15

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