

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Choir- "We are Waiting" by Albrecht, Athouse (they will sing after prayer of the day at Faith and after announcements at Our Savior's)

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; though Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Choir at Faith

WORD

First Reading from Isaiah 40:1-11

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.**

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to
him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

Second Reading from 2 Peter 3:8-15

L: A reading from 2nd Peter.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** ♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah – Hymn 240 (vs 1,2)***

(During the singing, the acolyte will light two candles of the Advent wreath.)

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

***"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low,
the crooked straight and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,***

*And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." – Isaiah 40:9; 60:1*

You may remain seated during the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

– Hymn 249

***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 487: "What Feast of Love"

Hymn 488: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

***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!

C: Amen

***SENDING SONG: "Prepare the Royal Highway" – Hymn 264**

***DISMISSAL:**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringling 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.

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 Ginny Barnard, Craig Henning, June Reimers, Andrea Shelton, Nan Anderson, George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Will Wade, Chris Forret, Mary Ann Washburn Stuedemann, Lauren Dudley, Ethan Friedrich, Scott Fisher, Vicki Sharp; For the homebound: Geneva Meadows, Bus Seastrand, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Alice Schroeder, Geri Schutt, Bob Barnard, and Myrna Kay Petersen.

Choir Rehearsal at following the mid-week Advent Worship.

Children's Christmas Program practice is at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13. The children will be dismissed in time to eat. All participants from preschool through 8th grade are asked to be present at the practice at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16, at Our Savior's. The program is at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 17, at Our Savior's.

Pastor: Rev. William Runaas, Jr.
Pianist: Faith: Rachel Boussetot
Organist: Our Savior's: Linda Whitman
Altar Ministry: Faith: Larry & Sharyl Banowetz
Greeter: Faith: Mark Witte
Acolytes: Faith: Ryan Dick
 Our Savior's: Courtney Knoche
Lectors: Faith: Mark Witte
 Our Savior's: Joe Morehead
Ushers: Faith: Mark Witte, Dirk Braet
 Brian Tulley, Gary Braet
 Our Savior's: Mark Olson, Art Boussetot
Cleaners: Our Savior's: Brain Boussetot and Dylan Boussetot

Wednesday Advent Services

December 13 - 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Meal & 7:00 p.m. Worship at OS
 (set-up and clean-up by Our Savior's Council)
 December 20 - 6:00 p.m. Meal & 7:00 p.m. Worship at Faith
 (set-up and clean-up by God Squad)

Bake Sales - Support your sweet tooth and God Squad by buying
 homemade treats on December 10 and December 17.

Faith:
 Worship Attendance, December 3.....62
 Offering, December 3.....\$2,405.00
 Needed Weekly to Meet Budget.....\$2,182.00
Our Savior's:
 Worship Attendance, December 3.....34
 Sunday School Attendance, December 3.....25
 God Squad Attendance, December 3.....7
 Adult Class Attendance, December 3.....14

This Week At A Glance

Today 8:00 am – Worship Service at Faith Church
 9:25 am – Sunday School/Adult Class at Our Savior's
 10:30 am – Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

Monday 6:30 pm – Bible Study "Power Thoughts" at Faith

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 7:00 pm – Committee Night at Our Savior's

Wednesday noon – Lydia Circle at Crossroads Cafe in DeWitt
 5:45 pm – Christmas Program practice at Our Savior's
 6:00 pm – Advent Meal at Our Savior's
 7:00 pm – Advent Worship Service at Our Savior's
 7:45 pm – Choir practice at Our Savior's

Thursday 6:00 pm – Worship Committee at Our Savior's
 7:00 pm – Joint Council Meeting at Our Savior's

Friday 10:00 am – Naomi Circle at Squiers Manor in Maquoketa

Saturday 9:00 am – Christmas Program practice at Our Savior's

Sunday 8:00 am – Worship Service at Faith Church
 9:25 am – Sunday School/Adult Class at Our Savior's
 10:30 am – Children's Program at Our Savior's Church

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