

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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

Ring 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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through 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 from Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

L: A reading from Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126:1-6

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."**

The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

Second Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

L: A reading from 1st Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** ♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”* – Hymn 240(verses 1,2,3)

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

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

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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)*

You may remain seated during the hymn.

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!

C: 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.

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 Lois Wessels, Ginny Barnard, Craig Henning, June Reimers, Andrea Shelton, Nan Anderson, George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Will Wade, Chris Forret, Lauren Dudley, Ethan Friedrich, Mary Ann Washburn Stuedemann, 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.

Pastor:	Rev. William Runaas, Jr.
Pianist: Faith:	Rachel Boussetot
Altar Ministry: Faith:	Larry & Sharyl Banowetz
Greeter: Faith:	Brian Tulley
Acolytes: Faith:	Ryan Dick
Lectors: Faith:	Diane Christensen
Ushers: Faith:	Mark Witte, Dirk Braet Brian Tulley, Gary Braet

Children's Christmas Program is today at 10:30 at Our Savior's.
The children will prepare for the program during Sunday School.

Adult Class will not meet today.

December 20 - 6:00 p.m. Meal & 7:00 p.m. Worship at Faith
(set-up, meal, and clean-up by God Squad)

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 am – Worship Service at Faith Church 9:25 am – Program Practice at Our Savior's 10:30 am – Children's Christmas Program at Our Savior's
Wednesday	6:00 pm – Advent Meal at Faith 7:00 pm – Advent Worship at Faith
Sunday	9:00 am – Worship Service at Faith Church 9:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship at Our Savior's
Monday	9:00 am – Christmas Day Worship at Faith
Sunday	9:00 am – New Year's Eve Worship at Our Savior's

Faith:

Worship Attendance, December 10.....	52
Offering, December 10.....	\$871.00
Needed weekly to meet budget.....	\$2,182.00

Our Savior's:

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Sunday School Attendance, December 10.....	27
God Squad Attendance, December 10.....	6
Adult Class Attendance, December 10.....	10

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