

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Christmas Day**

**December 25, 2017**

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Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

*(\*) indicates congregation stands, if able*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST**

**CAROL: "Love Has Come" – Hymn 292 (vs. 1, 3)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of 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**

**SELECTED READING:**

*“All who at the manger  
finally lay down  
all power and honor,  
all prestige,  
all vanity,  
all arrogance and self-will;  
all who take their place  
among the lowly  
and let God alone be high;  
all who see the glory of God  
in the lowliness*

*of the child in the manger:  
these are the ones who will truly  
celebrate Christmas.”*  
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**CAROL: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** – Hymn 270 (vs. 1, 3)

\*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

**Gospel: Luke 2:1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the

manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CAROL: "That Boy-Child of Mary" – Hymn 293**

**SERMON – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.**

*Silence for meditation*

*(Please remain seated)*

**CAROL: "The First Noel" - Hymn 300 (vs. 1, 5)**

**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**♫ OFFERTORY: "As with Gladness Men of Old" – Hymn 302**

**♫As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God with us: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.**

**\*CAROL: "From Heaven Above" – Hymn 268**

**♪ From heav'n above to earth I come  
to bring good news to ev'ry home!  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to all the world, and gladly sing.**

**“Glory to God in highest heav'n  
who unto us the Son has giv'n.”  
With angels sing in pious mirth:  
a glad new year to all the earth!**

**\*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 him thanks and praise.**

**\* Words of Institution**

**P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took  
bread...Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**P: Again, after supper he took the cup...Do this for the remembrance of  
me.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:**

**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: Joy to the world! The Lord is come.  
Let every heart receive your Savior.

## **COMMUNION**

*(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 served in a 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.)*

## **Hymns Sung During Distribution:**

**Hymn 279: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

**Hymn 286 "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord Are We"**

**Hymn 296 "What Child Is This"**

**Hymn 278 "Away in a Manger"**

## **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**CAROL: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" – Hymn 290**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

*(Away in a Manger – Hymn 277 v. 3)*

P: Let us pray.

**♪ Be near us, Lord Jesus, we ask you to stay  
close by us forever and love us, we pray.**

**Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven To live with you there. Amen**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth,  
give you peace this Christmas and always.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**\*CAROL: "Angels We Have Heard On High" – Hymn 289**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: Peace to God's people on earth!**

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

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There is a "**cry room**" **available** in the back of each church, if you would like to make use of the accommodations.

**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.

**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.

**Those to keep in prayer this** Monique Bachelder, Lois Wessels, Ginny Barnard, June Reimers, Andrea Shelton, Nan Anderson, George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Will Wade, Chris Forret, Lauren Dudley, Scott Fisher, Mary Ann Washburn Stuedemann, Ethan Friedrich, 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: Dirk Braet  
**Acolytes:** Faith: Ryan Dick  
**Lectors:** Faith: Dirk Braet  
**Ushers:** Faith: Mark Witte, Dirk Braet  
 Brian Tulley, Gary Braet

**This Week At A Glance**

Today 9:00 am - Worship Service at Faith Church  
 + 9:00 pm - Worship Service at Our Savior's Church  
 Sunday 9:00 am - Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

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