

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**9:00 a.m.**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

**December 31, 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 3, page 138*

**GATHERING**

*\*Please stand.*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power to the Most High, one God, now and forever

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Gracious God,

**C: in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen**

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born and Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus name.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" – Hymn 283**

**\*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:** P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. – pages 138–139

**C: "Lord, have mercy."**

**\*♪ HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the feast..." – page 140**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**WORD**

**First Reading from Isaiah 61:10—62:3**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 148:1-14**

Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the LORD!**

## **Second Reading from Galatians 4:4-7**

L: A reading from Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand.*

**\* ♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia..."** – page 142

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

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

**\* Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer

night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*You may be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON** – Pastor Bill Runaas

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*Silence for reflection*

*You may remain seated for the hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "The First Noel "** – Hymn 300

*\*Please stand.*

### **\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: Using the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our holy faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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.**

*Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and be seated.*

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

*\*Please stand.*

**\*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.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING – page 144**

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 144

## **\*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: Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

*You may be seated.*

## **COMMUNION**

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 146

### **Hymns Sung During Distribution:**

**Hymn 289: "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

**Hymn 286: "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"**

**Hymn 276: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

*\*Please stand.*

### **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**



**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: On this day, O God you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now the 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.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING**

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.**

**\*SENDING SONG: "Joy to the World" Hymn 267**

**\*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!**

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

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**Organist:** Jason Bousselot

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**Lector:** Dan Burke

**Communion Assistant:** Dan Burke

**Ushers:** Mark Olson, Art Bousselot

**Cleaners:** Our Savior's: Brian Bousselot and Dylan Bousselot

**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 the church, if you would like to make use of the accommodations.

**Those to keep in prayer this week:** 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.

**This Week At A Glance**

Today	9:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior’s Church
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – Coffee & A Little Jesus at Heather Grau's
Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Class at Our Savior's
	10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

**Faith:**

Worship Attendance, December 24, 2017.....	41
Offering, December 24, 2017.....	\$2,606.00
Needed weekly to meet budget .....	\$2,182.00
Worship Attendance, December 25, 2017.....	33
Offering, December 31, 2017.....	\$1,410.00

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Worship Attendance, December 24, 2017.....	21
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