

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent
2018

February 25,

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

CHOIR: " Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord" - by Rawls and Wilson

(after prayer of the day at Faith, and after announcements at Our Savior.)

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138

GATHERING

** Please stand if you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sin, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

– Hymn

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***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."

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake 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.

You may be seated.

CHOIR: " Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord" - by Rawls and Wilson (Faith)

WORD

First Reading from Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

L: A reading from Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31

You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,**

but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.**

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Second Reading from Romans 4:13-25

L: A reading from Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the

father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand.*

*** ♪ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord"**

– page 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** Gospel Mark 8:31-38**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any

want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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: "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

– Hymn 667

**Please stand.*

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: Using the words of the Nicene Creed let us confess our holy faith:

C: 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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary

and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

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: 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; through Christ our Lord.

*** 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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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: Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey,
drink for the desert.

You may be seated.

COMMUNION

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 793: "Be Thou My Vision"

Hymn 774: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

**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: 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 prayers, the song of
grateful hearts; through 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 the favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG: "Faith of our Fathers" – Hymn 813**

***DISMISSAL:**

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2018 Augsburg Fortress

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. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available during Holy Communion. Please indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.

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

There is a Sunday School class for all those three years of age and above. Please join us at 9:25 a.m. at Our Savior's Church.

Those to keep in prayer this week: Shirley Emmert, Yogi Braet, Norman Boussetot, Monique Bachelder, Lois Wessels, Ginny Barnard, June Reimers, Andrea Shelton, Nan Anderson, George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Will Wade, Chris Forret, Lauren Dudley, Scott Fisher, Ethan Friedrich, Vicki Sharp; For the homebound: Geneva Meadows, Bus Seastrand, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, Bob Barnard, and Myrna Kay Petersen.

Pastor: Rev. William Runaas, Jr.

Pianist: Faith: Rachel Boussetot

Organist: Our Savior's: Jason Boussetot

Altar Ministry: Faith: Diane and Herb Wilhelm

Greeter: Faith: Sharyl Banowetz

Acolytes: Faith: Isaac Wilhelm

Our Savior's: Brendan Olson
Lectors: Faith: Ashley Steffens
Our Savior's: Deb Detlefs
Communion Assistants:
Faith: Sharyl Banowetz
Our Savior's: Deb Detlefs
Ushers: Faith: Diane Wilhelm, Herb Wilhelm,
Adam Wilhelm, Eric Sands
Our Savior's: Shane Glover and Dan Burke
Cleaners: Our Savior's: Marcia Edens and Mark Olson

Midweek Lenten Services



Wednesday - February 28 (Potluck)

6:00 p.m. Meal at Faith

7:00 p.m. Worship at Faith

Choir Practice after Worship



Wednesdays - March 7(Potluck), 14(Potluck), 21 (God Squad)

6:00 p.m. Meal at Our Savior's

7:00 p.m. Worship at Our Savior's

Choir Practice after Worship

Newsletter

Please let us know if you want the newsletter link emailed to you, or if you want the newsletter put in your box at church, or mailed to you.

We will need to know by March 14. We have placed a postcard in your church mailbox. Please fill it out and return to the church secretary. Or fill in your preference on the sign-up sheet in the back of each church.

Notice of Parish Meeting

Future Pastoral Care

March 4, 2018 2:00 p.m. at Faith Church

All parish members are invited and encouraged to attend and share their opinions about the direction the parish should consider in securing future pastoral care. Specific information is available at each church and will be distributed at the meeting. Pastor Bill will lead this initial discussion. Thank you for attending. The future of our church and parish depends on your participation.

Ellen Friedrich will be here on March 4th to talk about her YAGM experience. She will speak during both services and at adult class. We will be collecting a free will offer for her.

This Week At A Glance

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
Monday	6:30 p.m. – Bible Study "Power Thoughts" at Faith
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. – Bible Study "Power Thoughts" at Faith
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. – Lenten Meal at Faith
	7:00 p.m. – Lent Worship at Faith
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, February 18, 2018.....	54
Offering, February 18, 2018.....	\$ 1,705.00
Needed weekly to meet budget.....	\$ 2,182.00

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, February 18, 2018.....	30
Sunday School Attendance, February 18, 2018.....	N/A
God Squad Attendance, February 18, 2018.....	N/A
Adult Class Attendance, February 18, 2018.....	N/A

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