

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

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 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: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**
– Hymn 779

***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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up
this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death.
Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love,
through 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.

WORD

First Reading from Numbers 21:4-9

L: A reading from Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go
around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way.
The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you
brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no

food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3,17-22

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**

and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**
they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;**
he sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.

**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Second Reading from Ephesians 2:1-10

L: A reading from Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God--not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 3:14-21**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal

life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

– Hymn

666

**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. 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 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 631: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymn 840: "Now Thank We All Our God"

**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 favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

– Hymn 545

***DISMISSAL:**

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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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: Bruce Aune, Shirley Emmert, Yogi Braet, Norman Bousselot, 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: Linda Whitman
Altar Ministry: Faith: Lonny and Diane Sievers
Greeter: Faith: Annette Braet
Acolytes: Faith: Isabelle Gentile
Our Savior's: Erica Will
Lectors: Faith: Annette Braet
Our Savior's: Mark Olson
Communion Assistants:
Faith: Yale Christensen
Our Savior's: Dan Burke
Ushers: Faith: Yale Christensen, Hal Shelton,
Pat Grau, Eric Sands
Our Savior's: Art Boussetot, Mark Olson
Cleaners: Our Savior's: Deb and Ray Detlefs

Midweek Lenten Services
Wednesdays at Our Savior's
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6:00 p.m. Meal
14 (Potluck), 21 (God Squad)
7:00 p.m. Worship
Choir Practice after Worship

40 Days of Giving

Special Lenten offerings are being directed to the Southeastern Iowa Synod's *The Water and The Witness*. Naomi Circle is gathering jars of peanut butter for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland.

Chili Cook-off

Do you think you make the best chili? Sign up to prove it at the Chili Cook-off on Sunday, March 18, at 4:00 at Faith Church. All are welcome to come and eat. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 for a family. The funds raised will be given to the God Squad for those attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.

Peter Rabbit Hollow Bazaar

Saturday, March 17

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lost Nation, IA

Quilts, Crafts, Bake Sale, and a "Second-Time-Around" Table.

Lunch will be creamed turkey or maid-rite lunch

Cost is \$7.00 Adults \$3.00 Children (10 & under) Preschool-Free
Carryouts are available.

Calamus Fun Day Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24, at 1:00 p.m.

Wapsi Oaks Country Club

For ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-9

All are welcome!

EWALU Volunteer Work Weekend

April 27-28, 2018

All are invited to a free weekend at Camp EWALU near Strawberry Point. Join other volunteers, families, and church groups

for outdoor activities, fun fellowship, and service projects to prepare camp for the summer season.

Lodging and meals provided free of charge.

Please RSVP to camp@ewalu.org or call 563-933-4700.

This Week At A Glance

Week starting March 11

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
Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – Committee Night
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. – Lenten Meal at Our Savior's
	7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship at Our Savior's
Thursday	6:00 p.m. – Worship Committee at Faith
	7:00 p.m. – Joint Council at Faith
Friday	9:30 a.m. – Naomi Circle at Crossroads in DeWitt
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, March 4, 2018.....	48
Offering, March 4, 2018.....	\$ 2,125.00

Our Savior's:

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Adult Class Attendance, March 4, 2018.....	14

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