

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Presentation of Our Lord**

**February 2, 2020**

**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 and Announcements

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138*

**GATHERING**

(\* *Indicates to please stand as you are able.*)

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

**C: Amen.**

P: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

P: God who searches us and knows us,

**C: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God,

you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: "In a Lowly Manger Born" – ELW 718**

**\*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.”**

**\*♪ CANTICLE OF PRAISE: “This is the feast...”** – pages 140-141

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## **WORD**

**Old Testament Reading: Micah 3:1-4**

L: A reading from Micah.

And I said:

Listen, you heads of Jacob

and rulers of the house of Israel!

Should you not know justice?—

<sup>2</sup>you who hate the good and love the evil,  
who tear the skin off my people,

and the flesh off their bones;

<sup>3</sup>who eat the flesh of my people,

flay their skin off them,

break their bones in pieces,

and chop them up like meat<sup>[b]</sup> in a kettle,  
like flesh in a caldron.

<sup>4</sup>Then they will cry to the LORD,

but he will not answer them;

he will hide his face from them at that time,  
because they have acted wickedly.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 84** (*read responsively*)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**2 My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

**3** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.

**4 Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.**

**5** Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**6 As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

**7** They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

**9** Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

**10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

**11** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**12 O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

### **New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18**

L: A reading from Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters<sup>[n]</sup> in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\***♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”** – page 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter two.

**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 <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> 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 <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> 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, <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> 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.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> 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 Roberta**  
**SERMON – Pastor Roberta**

*You may remain seated for the hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Brightest and Best of the Stars” – ELW 303**

**\*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  
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.**

**\*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**

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: God of wonder,

**C: you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on the table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. 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: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table of mercy and joy.

*You may be seated.*

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing. Please proceed forward at the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available during Holy Communion. Indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.*

**COMMUNION**

♪ **“O Lamb of God...”** – page 146

**Hymn Sung During Distribution: “What Feast of Love”** – ELW 487

**\*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: Faithful God,

you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING**

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”** – ELW 534

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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**Calamus Lutheran Parish welcomes Interim Pastor Roberta Pierce today.**

**Pastor:** Rev. Roberta Pierce

**Pianist:** Faith: Rachel Bousselot

**Organist:** Our Savior's: Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

**Altar Ministry:** Faith: Herb and Diane Wilhelm

**Greeter:** Faith: Annette Braet

**Acolytes:** Faith: Isaac Wilhelm

Our Savior's: Nora Glover

**Lectors:** Faith: Annette Braet

Our Savior's: Mark Olson

**Communion Assistants:** Faith: Sharyl Banowetz

Our Savior's: Deb Detlefs

**Ushers:** Faith: Herb and Diane Wilhelm, Adam Wilhelm, Ethan Wilhelm.

Our Savior's: Shane Glover

**Cleaners:** Our Savior's: Marcia Edens and Mark Olson

**This Week at A Glance**

**Week starting February 2**

Sunday            8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith  
                      9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Adult Class at Our Savior's  
                      10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's  
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**Those to keep in prayer this week:** the family of Michelle Scheper (Betty Schau's niece) Kim Steffens, Rebecca Hurt, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Coral Hesse, Velda Holloman, Nan Waldorf, Ray Johnson, Ruth Braet, Dale Jacobs, Ellen Bauer, Glenda Oldaker, Chance Dexter, Darcy Aune, Bruce Aune, Kelly Meyer, Donna Ploog, Joyce McCutcheon, Colleen Clausen Olson, Christian Bousselot, Barb Johnson, June Reimers, George Tulley, Ethan Friedrich and Vicki Sharp; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Ed Meadows, Oscar Shelton, Norman Bousselot, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt and Myrna Kay Petersen.

Pastor Dianne Prichard will lead a retreat titled "**Filling in the Gaps**" at Our **Lady of the Prairie** south of Wheatland from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11. The Bible study will focus on four pairs of women, Sarah and



Hagar, Rachel and Leah, Mary and Elizabeth, and Mary and Martha. The \$20 registration fee includes lunch. Call 563-336-8414 to make reservations.

**Noisy Offering** will be collected on February 16. The 2020 noisy offerings will be for U.S. Flooding Relief through ELCA Disaster Response.

Items for the **March Newsletter** must be in the secretary's office no later than Monday, February 17. Thank you!

**God Squad t-shirts** are for sale. Order sheets are at the back of the church. Proceeds will be used for youth attending the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering.

**Feeding the Children** – There is a need for single-serve items; pop-open cans of chicken, tuna, pasta, soup, and snacks to put in the bags that go home with five Cal/Wheat elementary students every Friday.

**Please save cancelled stamps** to raise funds for Lutheran World Relief. Cut the stamp off the envelope leaving ¼ inch around it. Place the stamps in the containers by the guest registers at both churches.

<b>Faith</b> Worship Attendance, January 26, 2020.....	63
Faith Offering, January 26, 2020.....	\$2 ,442.00
Needed weekly to meet budget.....	
\$2,182.00	

<b>Our Savior's</b> Worship Attendance, January 26, 2020.....	76
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