

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16,

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

Ringing 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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: “What Is This Place” – ELW 524**

***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.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

L: A reading from Deuteronomy.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8 (*read responsively*)

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

**² Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,**

³ who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.

**⁴ You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

⁵ O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**⁸ I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹ For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If

what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward.
¹⁵ If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,” ²⁰ and again,

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

²¹ So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37**

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON – Pastor Roberta (*Noisy Offering for U.S. Flood Relief*)

SERMON – Pastor Roberta

You may remain seated for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “O God of Mercy, God of Light” – ELW 714

***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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.)

***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: “Blessed Assurance” – ELW 638

***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: “O God of Light” – ELW 507**

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2020 Augsburg Fortress

Pastor: Rev. Roberta Pierce

Pianist: Faith: Rachel Boussetot

Organist: Our Savior's: Jason Boussetot or Linda Whitman

Altar Ministry: Faith: Herb and Diane Wilhelm

Greeter: Faith: Brian Tulley

Acolytes: Faith: Isaac Wilhelm

Our Savior's: Nora Glover

Lectors: Faith: Sharyl Banowetz

Our Savior's: Dan Burke

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 16

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
 Wednesday Noon – Lydia Circle at Garden Café in DeWitt
 7:00 p.m. – Choir at Faith
 Friday 9:30 a.m. – Naomi Circle at Garden Café in DeWitt
 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

Those to keep in prayer this week: 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 Boussetot, Barb Johnson, June Reimers, George Tulley, Ethan Friedrich and Vicki Sharp; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Ed Meadows, Oscar Shelton, Norman Boussetot, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt and Myrna Kay Petersen.

Items for the **March Newsletter** must be in the secretary’s office tomorrow. Thank you!

Choir practice is at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, at Faith

Teen Game Night is 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Friday March 6, at Faith

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. Place the stamps in the containers by the guest registers at both churches.

Check out **EWALU Bible Camp** (ewalu.org). Early registration saves money! There are some short stays at EWALU near Strawberry Point that might be a great introduction to Bible Camp: Elementary Retreat (March 14-15; grades 3-6), Dirty Feet Retreat (April 17-19; grades 6-9), Grandparent Camp (June 17-19; kids ages 6-12).

Faith Worship Attendance, February 9, 2020.....	35
Faith Offering, February 9, 2020.....	\$2,442.00

Needed weekly to meet budget.....
\$2,182.00

Sunday School Attendance, February 9,
2020.....18
Adult Class Attendance, February 9, 2020.....3
JH/HS Class Attendance, February 9, 2020.....
11
Our Savior's Worship Attendance, February 9, 2020.....22

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