

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8,

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.

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, who is present, who gives life,

who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C: Amen.

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Yet with you is forgiveness and so we confess.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”**

– ELW 767

***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, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

L: A reading from Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I

will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 (*read responsively*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

L: A reading from Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.


¹³ 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. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be

the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*  **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Return to the Lord”** – page 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **Gospel: John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “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.

¹⁷ “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.

P: The Gospel of our 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: “God Loved the World” – ELW 323

***CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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.**

***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: Holy and generous host,

C: you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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: God’s love is poured out in Christ for you.

Open yourselves to receive it.

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: “Just as I Am,
without One Plea” – ELW 592**

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C: Amen.

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"– ELW 324**

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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

Today's Ministers:

Pastor: Rev. Roberta Pierce

Pianist: Faith - Rachel Boussetot

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

Greeter: Jeannene Boussetot

Lectors: Faith - Diane Christensen

Our Savior's - Joe Morehead

Ministers next Sunday:

Greeter: Faith - Rebecca Hurt

Lectors: Faith - Doreen Henning

Our Savior's - Cindy Burke

Ministers for the month of March:

Altar Ministry: Faith - Lonny and Diane Sievers

Acolytes: Faith - Isabella Gentile

Our Savior's - Courtney Knoche

Communion Assistants: Faith - Yale Christensen

Our Savior's - Dan Burke

Ushers: Faith - Yale Christensen, Pat Grau, Alan Lee, Hal Shelton

Our Savior's - Joe Morehead

Cleaners: Our Savior's - Shane & Amy Glover

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.

This Week at A Glance

Week starting March 8

Sunday	7:30-noon – CALCO Breakfast served by Calamus Lutheran Parish
	8:00 am – Worship Service at Faith
	9:25 am – Sunday School and Adult Class at Our Savior's
	10:30 am – Worship Service at Our Savior's
	2:00 pm – “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Bettendorf
Tuesday	7:00 pm – Christian Outreach Committee at Faith
Wednesday	5:30 pm – Education Committee at Faith
	6:00 pm – Meal at Faith hosted by God Squad
	6:30 pm – Lenten Worship at Faith Choir Practice following Worship at Faith
Thursday	6:00 pm – Worship Committee at Faith

Sunday 7:00 pm – Joint Council at Faith
 8:00 am – Worship Service at Faith
 9:25 am – Sunday School and Adult Class at Our Savior’s
 10:30 am – Worship Service at Our Savior’s

Wednesday Lenten Services:

March 11 at Faith; 6:00 pm Meal, 6:30 pm Worship
 March 18 at Our Savior’s; 6:00 pm Meal, 6:30 pm Worship
 March 25 at Our Savior’s; 6:00 pm Meal, 6:30 pm Worship
 April 1 at Our Savior’s; 6:00 pm Meal, 6:30 pm Worship

There will be **Choir Practice** following each Lenten Service.

Noisy Offering will be collected next Sunday. The 2020 recipient is ELCA Disaster Response to U.S. Flooding.

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. Call Rebecca Hurt at the church office with questions.

God Squad News:

Save the Date! **Junior High and High School Youth will be leading worship** at 10:30 am on Sunday, March 22, at Our Savior’s. The theme is “Don’t Judge a Book by Its Cover.” The Sunday School children will be singing the Call to Worship. The JH & HS Youth will also host a luncheon in the Our Savior’s basement following the March 22 service. Sandwiches, sides, and beverages will be provided. Free-will donations will support God Squad. All are invited.

Join the fun! **Escape Room** - God Squad Committee invites JH & HS youth to join us on an adventure Friday, April 3, as we work together to pass an Escape Room and celebrate our success with pizza. Please make reservations by today if you are planning to attend. Call Heather at 563-424-0507.

Faith Worship Attendance, March 1, 2020.....	40
Faith Offering, March 1, 2020.....	\$1,176.00
Needed weekly to meet budget.....	\$2,182.00
Sunday School Attendance, March 1, 2020.....	26
Adult Class Attendance, March 1, 2020.....	9

Our Savior's Worship Attendance, March 1, 2020.....30

Pastor Roberta's Hours for March: Sundays: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesdays: 11:00 am - 7:30 pm

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