

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2013

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

(* Please stand if you are able)

***ADVENT LITANY**

P: Darkness and sin surround us on all sides.

C: Prepare our dark hearts for the coming of the Christ child, who brings the light of eternal life and the forgiveness of sins.

(To the tune of "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel")

♪ **My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

P: The Lord my God lights up my darkness.

C: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.

♪ **When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.**

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

P: Once you walked in darkness, but now you walk in the light of Jesus Christ.

C: Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we are called and the riches of our glorious inheritance.

♪ **When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

P: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined.
(Isaiah 9:2)

C: Amen

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CHOIR: "We Are Waiting" by Althouse; "Prepare Ye!" by Shafferman

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann – Noisy Offering

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1—10

L: A reading from Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1—7, 18—19 (*To be read responsively*)

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.**

Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4—13

L: A reading from Romans.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (The tune is found in ELW Hymn 240. During the singing, the acolyte will light two candles of the Advent wreath.)

**♪ Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1—12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

*"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low,
the crooked straight and the rough places plain.*

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all flesh shall see it together,

For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." - Isaiah 40:9; 60:1

HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry – Hymn

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***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

**He 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 with 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.

MEAL

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and 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...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.

COMMUNION

♪ "*Lamb of God...*" – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 267: *Joy to the World*

Hymn 487: *What Feast of Love*

Hymn 490: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

God of wonder, we give thanks that you have fed us once again with this foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift to serve our neighbor with joy, that all may come to see your glory reflected in the lives of your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P. The God of hope,
through Christ our peace,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Cong: Amen

***SENDING SONG: *Prepare the Royal Highway* – Hymn 264**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Bring good news to the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

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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. White grape juice is available during Holy Communion. Please indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.

Organist:	Faith:	Jason Boussetot
	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Larry & Sharyl Banowetz Family
Greeter:	Faith:	Ruth Braet
Acolyte:	Faith:	Brianna Williams (CA), Garrett Condon
	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
Lector:	Faith:	Ashley Steffens
	Our Savior's:	Cindy Burke
Communion Assistant:		
	Faith:	Dirk Braet
	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke
Ushers:	Faith:	Mark Witte, Gary Braet, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley
	Our Savior's:	Ray Detlefs, Art Boussetot, Shane Glover
Cleaners:		Dan and Cindy Burke

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We are glad to have you worship with us this morning. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come back to worship with us again.

Those to keep in prayer this week: For Cathy Goddard, Susan Marty, Barbara Dannatt, Skye Doerscher, Kristi Reed, Candice Ogden, Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Audrey Witte, Signe Rock, Myrtle Koslofsky, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen; For Austin Miller, Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

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

Committee Night is at Our Savior's on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Advent Schedule:

- ◆ December 11 – St. John's Church (*Bliedorn*)
 - ◆ December 18 – Our Savior's Church
- (A 6:00 meal precedes each Advent Midweek Worship)*

♪Choir Rehearsal following each service

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study: No Bible study on December 11; There will be a Bible study on December 18 at Our Savior's following the Advent service; No Bible study on Christmas or New Year's. **Starting January 8, 2014**, the regular Bible study schedule of 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday begins.

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 on Thursday at Our Savior's.

Joint Council meets at Our Savior's at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Combined Circles will be gathering at 9:30 a.m. on Friday at Faith Church to carpool to Squiers Manor in Maquoketa for our December meeting. Please notify Jeannene if you are planning to attend.

Sunday School Children's Christmas Program, "The Gift of Jesus,"

10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 15, at Our Savior's.

Rehearsals for the program will take place on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour.

It is important to have as many children as possible at every rehearsal.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class at OS
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. -	Committee Night at Our Savior's Church
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Advent Meal at St. John's Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Advent Worship at St. John's Church
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at St. John's Church
Friday	9:30 p.m. -	Women Carpool to Squiers Manor
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class at OS
	10:30 a.m. -	Christmas Program at Our Savior's Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, December 1	54
Sunday School Attendance, December 1	50
Adult Class Attendance, December 1	30
Faith: Worship Attendance, December 1	112
Offering, Sunday, December 1	\$2,747.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$1,808.00

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