

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 6, 2016**

**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)

**GATHERING**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends.**

**Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.**

P: We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG: "God Loved the World" – Hymn 323**

**\*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.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of 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.**

**WORD**

**First Reading: Joshua 5:9—12**

L: A reading from Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 32**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.

**Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

## **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16—21**

L: A reading from 2 Corinthians.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **♩ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord..."** –  
page 142

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 15:1—3, 11b—32**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and

all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**– Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

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*Silence for reflection*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Our Father, We Have Wandered"** – Hymn  
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**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED**

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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**

**\*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.**

## MEAL

### OFFERING

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

**C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus 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...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: All who thirst, all who hunger,  
come and be filled with the goodness of God.

### COMMUNION

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 146

#### Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 592: "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

Hymn 608: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING**

P: The blessing of God Almighty,  
the wisdom and power of Christ Jesus,  
and the light of the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen**

**\*SENDING SONG: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" – Hymn**

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**\*DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2016 Augsburg Fortress

- Pianist:** Faith: Rachel Boussetot
- Organist:** Our Savior's: Jason Boussetot
- Altar Ministry:** Faith: Lonny and Diane Sievers
- Greeter:** Faith: Yale Christensen
- Acolyte:** Faith: Andrew Grau
- Our Savior's: Riley Bruns
- Lectors:** Faith: Yale Christensen
- Our Savior's: Mark Olson
- Communion Assistant:**
- Faith: Yale Christensen/Colette Christensen
- Our Savior's: Dan Burke
- Ushers:** Faith: Yale Christensen, Dick Johnson, Adam Wilhelm, Colette Christensen, Makenna Christensen
- Our Savior's: Art Boussetot, Mark Olson
- Cleaners:** Our Savior's: David Olson

**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.

**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.

There is a "**cry room**" available in the back of each church, if you would like to make use of the accommodations.

**Those to keep in prayer this week:** For Fritz Hinrichsen, Ron Gasper, Arvella Pewe, Vera St. John, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Katy Petersen, Scott McConnell, Mallory Bousset, Tina, Vicki Sharp, Josie Watham, Nancy Ramige, Bob Barnard, Junior Homrighausen, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen, Geri Schutt and Myrna Kay Petersen.

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

**God Squad Bake Sale** is happening this morning.

**Committee Night** begins at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Faith Church

**Confirmation Class** will be from 6:00—6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Our Savior's.

**Midweek Lenten Service** will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Our Savior's. A served 6:00 meal precedes the service.

**Choir Rehearsal** follows the 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service on Wednesday at Our Savior's.

**Worship Committee** meets at Faith Church on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

**Joint Council** begins at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday at Faith Church.

**Parish members work at CALCO next Sunday, March 13:** Our Savior's members will work from 7:00—10:00 a.m. and Faith will work the second shift from 10:00 a.m. until closing.



**Mark your calendar: Cosmic Bowling from 1:30—3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 at DeWitt Bowling Lanes.** Bring a snack to share. Everybody welcome!

The congregations will be gathering items for **Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits** during Lent. The goal is to have enough items to assemble 40 kits. Items needed are individual bars of soap (4-5 oz.) in original wrapping, bath-size towels (52" x 27", light-weight, dark-colored recommended), individually packaged toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging), sturdy combs, and nail clippers. There are baskets at both Faith and Our Savior's for the donations.

**Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars®.** After that date, Choice Dollars® will expire. Please act now!

## **This Week At A Glance**

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/AC at OS
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. -	Committee Night at Faith Church
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Confirmation class at Our Savior's Church
	6:00 p.m. -	Lenten Meal at Our Savior's Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Midweek Lenten Worship at Our Savior's
	7:45 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Our Savior's Church
Thursday	6:00 p.m. -	Worship Committee at Faith Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Joint Council at Faith Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/AC at OS
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

### **Faith:**

Worship Attendance, February 28 .....	60
Offering, Sunday, February 28 .....	\$2,820.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget .....	\$2,182.00

### **Our Savior's:**

Worship Attendance, February 28 .....	41
Midweek Lenten Attendance, March 2.....	45
Sunday School Attendance, February 28 .....	
God Squad Attendance, February 28 .....	
Adult Class Attendance, February 28 .....	15

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