

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10, page 203

(* 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

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

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

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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 249

***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: 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: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us
with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal
your light. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING - page 206**

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 207**

***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: Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you.
Share in the feast of salvation.

COMMUNION

♪ "*Lamb of God...*" – page 208

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 487: "What Feast of Love"

Hymn 488: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P. May Christ, the Sun of righteousness,
shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path.
Almighty God, Father, son, and Holy spirit,
bless you now and forever!

Cong: Amen

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

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2014 Augsburg Fortress

Organist:	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussetlot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Larry & Sharyl Banowetz Family
Greeter:	Faith:	Diane Wilhelm
Acolytes:	Our Savior's:	Chase Knoche
	Faith:	Anne Tulley
Lectors:	Our Savior's:	Brian Boussetlot
	Faith:	Mark Witte
Communion Assistant:		
	Our Savior's:	Brian Boussetlot
	Faith:	Brian Tulley
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	Mark Olson, Art Boussetlot
	Faith:	Mark Witte, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley, Gary Braet
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Ray and Deb Detlefs

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.

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 Monique Bachelder, Josh Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Will Wade, Chris Forret, Dan Montgomery, Mary Ann Washburn Stuedemann, Lauren Dudley, Ethan Friedrich, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Scott McConnell, Vicki Sharp; For the homebound: Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen, Geri Schutt, Joel Olson, Bob Barnard and Myrna Kay Petersen; and for Emily Olive, preparing for a 9—11 month deployment to Kuwait.

"Coffee and a Little Jesus" Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday at Heather Grau's home, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus (563-424-0507).

Midweek Advent Schedule:

7:00 p.m. - Wednesdays

- ◆ December 7 – Our Savior's Church
- ◆ December 14 and 21– Faith Church

(A 6:00 meal precedes each Advent Midweek Worship)

Because of Wednesday evening Advent services, there are no weekly confirmation classes. Classes will resume January 4, 2017.

Choir Rehearsal will be held each Wednesday following the 7:00 p.m. Advent Service.

Sunday School children are asked to meet at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday at Faith Church for Christmas program practice.

A Sunday School Christmas Program practice will be held Saturday, December 17 at Faith Church, beginning at 9:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, December 18, the Children's Christmas Program, "Gift of Love" will be presented at the 10:30 Worship Hour at Faith Church.

The God Squad has 20 names for the Christmas Tree Angel project – a program which will provide gifts for children in our local area. If you would like to sponsor an angel, please notify Ashley Steffens (563-210-2540). You may purchase the gifts yourself or give Ashley money and the God Squad will do the shopping for you. Gifts need to be purchased and wrapped for delivery by Saturday, December 17. Thanks for your support.

If you are wanting to contact Pastor Bill, please use his cell phone number: 319-231-5262. Thank you.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. - Worship Service at Our Savior's 9:25 a.m. - Sunday School/GS/AC at Faith Church 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service at Faith Church
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - Coffee and a Little Jesus Bible Study
Wednesday	5:45 p.m. - Christmas Program Practice at OS 6:00 p.m. - Advent Supper at Our Savior's 7:00 p.m. - Advent Worship at Our Savior's 7:45 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal at Our Savior's
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. - Worship Service at Our Savior's 9:25 a.m. - Sunday School/GS/AC at Faith Church 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, November 27..... N/A

Faith:

Worship Attendance, November 27..... 57

Offering, November 27..... \$2,010.00

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget..... \$2,182.00

Thanksgiving Worship Attendance..... 60

Sunday School Attendance, November 27..... 25

God Squad Attendance, November 27..... 5

Adult Class Attendance, November 27..... 9

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