

# **CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 15, 2019**

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**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

Ring of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Setting: "Now the Feast and Celebration" and  
"Service of the Word" (ELW page 211)*

## **GATHERING**

(\*) *Indicates to please stand as you are able.*

### **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires  
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts  
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN: “Awake! Awake, and  
Greet the New Morn” – ELW 242**

**\* 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.**

**\* 🎵 HYMN OF PRAISE** *(next two pages)*

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

## Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

## \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through 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

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

L: A reading from Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,<sup>[a]</sup>  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,<sup>[b]</sup>  
but it shall be for God’s people;<sup>[c]</sup>

no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
9 No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 146: 5-10** *(read responsively)*

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**6 who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;**

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

9 The LORD watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**10 The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the LORD!**

## New Testament Reading: James 5:7-10

L: A reading from James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, <sup>[d]</sup> take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Advent Litany: "Christ, Be Our Light"** (*see insert*)

*After the song is sung, three of the blue candles are lit.*

### \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 11.

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

## **\* Gospel Matthew 11:2-11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his<sup>1</sup> disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*You may be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON – Pastor Bill**

**SERMON – Pastor Bill**

*You may remain seated for the hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “All Earth Is Hopeful” – ELW 266**

## **\* CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: hear our prayers.)*

### **\* 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**

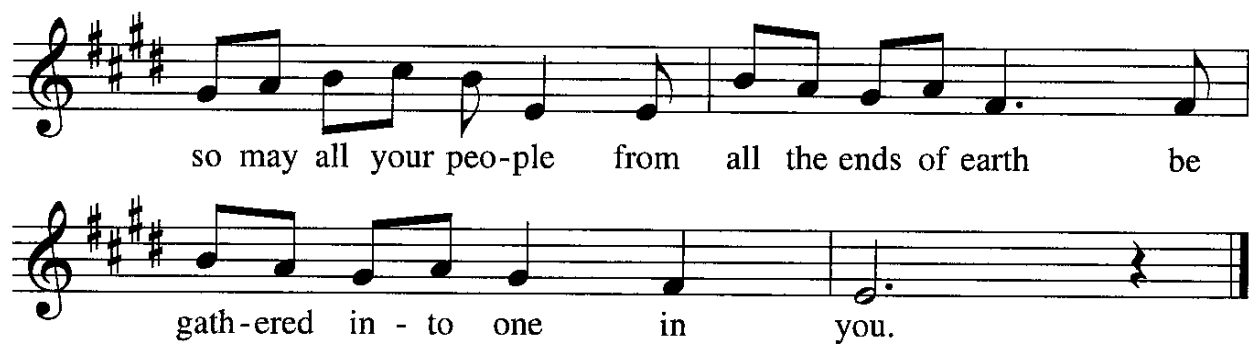
### **OFFERING**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

### **\* OFFERTORY**

**Refrain**  
*Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Giver of every good thing,

**C: we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen.**

### \* GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God 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.

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## **\* 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: Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.

Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

*You may be seated.*

SERVICE MUSIC

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## Lamb of God

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with: 'world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes with: 'sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.' The melody ends with a final note on a half note.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948  
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## COMMUNION

*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.*

## Sung During Distribution: "Lost in the Night" – ELW 243

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

**C: Amen.**

# \* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
 2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
 Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your  
 love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of

life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
 God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
 ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: God of abundance,  
we give thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to  
feast

with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain  
with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite  
others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to  
proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming  
of Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**

P: May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of  
righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply  
than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness  
and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things lead you  
in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy  
Trinity, One God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\* SENDING HYMN: “People, Look East” – ELW 248**

**\* DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Ring of the Bell  
Postlude

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**Pastor:** Rev. William Runaas, Jr.

**Pianist:** Rachel Bousselot

**Altar Ministry:** Larry and Sharyl Banowetz

**Greeter:** Lonny Sievers

**Acolyte:** Isabella Gentile

**Lector:** Shelley Gentile

**Communion Assistant:** Brian Tulley

**Ushers:** Mark Witte, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley, Ruth Braet

**Those to keep in prayer this week:** Rebecca Hurt, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Coral Hesse, Velda Holloman, Nan Waldorf, Ray Johnson, Ruth Braet, Dale Jacobs, Ellen Bauer, Glenda Oldaker, Michele Scheper, Chance Dexter, Darcy Aune, Bruce Aune, Kelly Meyer, Donna Ploog, Joyce McCutcheon, Colleen Clausen Olson, Christian Bousselot, Barb Johnson, June Reimers, George Tulley, Ethan Friedrich, and Vicki Sharp; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Ed Meadows, Oscar Shelton, Norman Bousselot, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, and Myrna Kay Petersen.

### **This Week At A Glance**

#### **Week starting December 15**

Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith 9:25 a.m. – Sunday School at Our Savior’s 10:30 a.m. – Children’s Christmas Program at Our Savior’s “His Name is Jesus”
Monday	Committee and Organization reports are due in the office.
Wednesday	Noon – Lydia and Naomi Circles at Garden Café, DeWitt 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation at Faith 6:00 p.m. – Meal at Faith 7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship at Faith Choir Practice at Faith
Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith NO Sunday School; resumes January 5, 2020 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior’s

#### **Mid-week Advent Worship Schedule**

To help us prepare for the birth of Christ, in addition to Sunday worship, there will be mid-week Advent services on Wednesday evenings.



#### **December 18 at Faith**

5:45 p.m. Confirmation at Faith  
6:00 p.m. Meal - Faith Council will serve soup  
7:00 p.m. Worship

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Our Savior's**

9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24

**Christmas Day Worship at Faith**

9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 25

**Feed One Child at a Time** – There is a need for single-serve food 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.

**In order to prepare for the congregations' annual meetings, committee and organization reports are due in the church office by Monday, December 16.**

These reports include: Pastor, Council Presidents, all Committees (Education, Stewardship, Christian Outreach, Memorial and Gifts, Property and Management), Our Savior's Cemetery, and God Squad.

**Financial reports, budgets, and audit reports are due in the church office by January 20, 2020. Thank You!**

**Annual Meetings on Sunday, January 26,** will follow worship at Faith and Our Savior's.

<b>Faith</b> Worship Attendance, December 8, 2019.....	57
<b>Faith</b> Offering, December 8, 2019.....	
\$2,848.00	
Needed weekly to meet budget.....	
\$2,182.00	
Sunday School Attendance, December 8, 2019.....	28
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.....11	
High School Attendance, December 8, 2019.....	4
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