

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138

(* Please stand if you are able)

CHOIR: "You Are Loved" by Cindy Berry

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

P: Michael has come to us by transfer of membership and desires his membership into our community of faith.

Congregation President, Colette Christensen: We welcome you as a member of Faith Church to join with us in worshipping God, hearing his Word and sharing his supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

HOLY BAPTISM (*See Insert*)

***GATHERING SONG:** *For by Grace You Have Been Saved* – Hymn 598

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

WORD

First Reading: Acts 9:36—43

L: A reading from Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23 *(To be read responsively by whole verse)*

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9—17

L: A reading from Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*** ♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *"Alleluia. Lord, to whom..."* – page 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the tenth chapter.

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

Gospel: John 10:22—30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *In the Bleak Midwinter* – Hymn 294

***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: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, 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 855: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Hymn 836: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Hymn 638: *Blessed Assurance*

Hymn 763: *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,
the blessing of Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen

***SENDING SONG: *You Are Mine* – Hymn 581**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2013 Augsburg Fortress

Organist:		Jason Bousselot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Dave and Terri Bousselot
Greeter:	Faith:	Colette Christensen
Acolyte:	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
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Lectors:	Our Savior's:	Marcia Edens
	Faith:	Lois Wessels
Communion Assistant:		
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	Faith:	Ashley Steffens
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	Paul Olson, Art Bousselot, Darin Doerschler, Ray Detlefs
	Faith:	Mark Witte, Gary Braet, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Dan and Cindy Burke

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 glad to have you worship with us this morning. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come back and worship with us again.

Those to keep in prayer this week: For the family of Evelyn Carstensen (Linda Whitman's mother) who died this past week; For all those who are ill: Kristi Reed, Judy Paulsen, DeeAnn Cheney, Candice Ogden, Richard Johnson, Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Signe Rock, Myrtle Koslofsky, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen; For Austin Miller, Kayla Dohrmann, Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

There are Sunday School classes and an Adult Class meeting at 9:25 a.m. at Faith Church. There is a class for everyone 3 years and older. Please join us.

This morning at Faith Church, **Michael Maddon** is received as a member of Faith Church by transfer of membership from St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wheatland. **Maddon Paul**, son of Michael and Jena Hoker, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, is welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Church. Maddon's sponsors are Ryan and Jami Finger. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish!

Newsletter items are due in the church office on Monday.

Confirmation Class meets Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church.

Choir Rehearsal begins at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Faith Church.

Mark Your Calendars:

In order to accommodate the families of the Confirmation students, changes are being made in our Sunday School and Worship schedules. The last day of Sunday School will be May 12. Confirmation Sunday, May 19, 8:00 Worship is at Our Savior's and Worship, with the Affirmation of Baptism, begins at 9:30 at Faith Church.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. -	Confirmation Class at Faith Church
	7:30 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, April 14 69

Faith: Worship Attendance, April 14..... 85

Offering, Sunday, April 14 \$1,602.00

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$1,808.00

Sunday School Attendance, April 14..... 46

Adult Class Attendance, April 14 15

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