

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2014

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.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 210

*(*Please stand, if you are able)*

GATHERING

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** – pages 211—212

GATHERING SONG: *O Holy Spirit, Enter In – Hymn 786

***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: "*Glory to God...*"** – page 213—215

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven
and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your
children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth 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: Acts 17:22—31

L: A reading from Acts.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 66:8—20 *(To be read responsively)*

Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,
**who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.**

For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;**

you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

I will pay you my vows,

those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;**

I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.**

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

**But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**

Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13—22

L: A reading from 1 Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the

resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** ♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** "*Alleluia...*" – page 216

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:15—21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Michelle Kanzaki, Wartburg Seminary Graduate

Silence for reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* – Hymn 631

CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED

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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

***THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

P: Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen

***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.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: The God of all grace,
who has called you to eternal glory in Christ,
restore, support, strengthen, and bless you
by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* – Hymn 551**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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Welcome to Michelle Kanzaki, who is leading us in worship this morning. Michelle graduated last Sunday from Wartburg Seminary and is waiting to receive her call to parish ministry. Pastor Sarah is guest-preaching at Holy Trinity, North Liberty.

Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussetlot
Organist:	Our Savior's:	Jason Boussetlot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Dave and Terri Boussetlot
Greeter:	Faith:	Vera St.John
Acolyte:	Faith:	Anne Tulley, Beth Tulley
	Our Savior's:	Maia Glover
Lector:	Faith:	Ruth Braet
	Our Savior's:	Amy Glover
Ushers:	Faith:	Shirley Ferguson, Ruth Braet, Judy McMahon, Andrea Shelton
	Our Savior's:	David Olson, Joe Morehead
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Marcia Edens, Mark Olson

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Please come back 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: Tootie Steines, Cathy Goddard, Barbara Dannatt, 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 Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

Vacation Bible School meets from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Faith Church on Wednesday.

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, Coralville, Iowa: Pastor Sarah, Mike and Tina Tendall, Mark Olson and Marcia Edens will be our delegates for the assembly May 30—June 1.

The God Squad is offering everyone in the Calamus Lutheran Parish the opportunity to purchase a parish t-shirt. The proceeds will go towards the Youth Gathering in Detroit in 2015. The shirts will be red with blue writing and sizes will range from YM – Adult XXL. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the churches. Please include your name and size – cost of each shirt is \$15. Shirt orders will be taken through June 1.

God Squad meets next Sunday, June 1 at Faith Church.

June 8 is Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation! You are invited to wear red! Serina Carpenter, Garrett Condon and Brianna Williams will affirm their baptism vows. Please lift them in prayer.

**Bible School Follow-up Activity ☺ Family-friendly Field Day
Sunday, June 8 ☺ Meet at the Calamus Park at 10:30 a.m.
☺ Fun and games for all ages! Food and drink provided! ☺
Come and participate! Come and watch! Come and eat!
☺ The offering for the day is items for Calamus/Wheatland
Elementary: tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes**

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
Wednesday	3:30-5:30 -	Vacation Bible School at Faith Church
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:00 a.m. -	God Squad Meets at Faith Church
	9:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

Faith: Worship Attendance, May 18	67
Offering, Sunday, May 18	\$N/A
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$1,976.00

Vacation Bible School Attendance, May 21	56
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Our Savior's:	
Worship Attendance, May 18	31

Sunday School Attendance, May 18	28
Adult Class Attendance, May 18	24

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