

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m.

Time after Pentecost

August 24, 2014

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

With One Voice, Bread of Life, Setting 5, page 28

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C: Amen.

P: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: God our strength,

C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C: Amen.

GATHERING

***GATHERING HYMN: *Blessed Assurance* – Hymn 699**

***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...*" pages 29—30

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Todd – Noisy Offering

WORD

First Reading: Exodus 1:8—2:10

L: A reading from Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water." One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his kinsfolk.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138 (*to be read responsively*)

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1—8

L: A reading from Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ♪ "*Alleluia, Lord, ...*" – page 31

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13—20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of

Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Todd Hunter

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* – Hymn 783

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** (*Each petition ends:* P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

MEAL

***PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

***OFFERTORY** –♪ "Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord..." – page 35

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** – page 35

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love, Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** – page 36

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: ♪"Holy, holy, holy, Lord..." – page 36

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE 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 39

Hymns sung during distribution:

WOV 701: *What Feast of Love*

WOV 703: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C: Amen

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – ♪"Thankful hearts..." – page 40**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: May God the sower make you good and fertile soil.

May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions.

May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives.

God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* – Hymn 723**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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

Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
Organist:	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Doreen Henning, Ashley Steffens
Greeter:	Faith:	Brian Tulley
Acolyte:	Faith:	Magnus Sands (CA), Caleb Banowetz
	Our Savior's:	Maia Glover
Lector:	Faith:	Robin Costello-Smith
	Our Savior's:	Cindy Burke
Communion Assistant:		
	Faith:	Ashley Steffens
	Our Savior's:	Deb Detlefs
Ushers:	Faith:	Daryl Henning, Doreen Henning, Blaine Henning, Kayla Henning, Ashley Steffens
	Our Savior's:	Dan Burke, Mark Olson
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Art and Sharon Bousselot

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. 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.

This morning we welcome Pastor Todd Hunter to the Calamus Lutheran Parish. A message from Pastor Todd:

Today we begin something new for both the Calamus Lutheran Parish and myself, Pastor Todd Hunter (please call me Pastor Todd). After twelve years a new pastor appears before you, and in fifteen years of ministry, I have never served as an interim. I am a single father raising my two children: daughter Kaitlyn (22) living in Springfield, Illinois, and son Ryan (18) in his senior year of high school at Bettendorf. I love food and cooking. I am a cyclist, swimmer, rock climber, hiker, and occasion triathlete. I am currently making my living day trading futures contracts in

the early morning, as well as working with four teenagers with autism. For more information, please read my September newsletter article, feel free to come by the office on Wednesday afternoon, or call to find a mutual time for us to get better acquainted. I am happy to be here and look forward to an enjoyable, meaningful, and productive time together.

Those to keep in prayer this week: For 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, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen; For Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

The **Noisy Offering** will be collected this morning. The Calamus Wheatland School District is the recipient of the Noisy Offering and other special service donations this year with the request from the councils that the monies be earmarked for the Nutrition and Health of the students. The **God Squad** will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Church.

The **Women's Bible Study** meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Faith Church

Sunday School teachers meet Tuesday, September 2, 7:00 p.m. at Faith.

Will You Help?

The Education Committee is seeking one Sunday School teacher.

The goal is to have two teachers at each grade level.

Please contact Marsha Witte if you are willing to serve -

659-5520 or mkwitte@iowatelecom.net

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	6:30 p.m. -	God Squad at Faith Church
	7:30 p.m. -	Women's Bible Study at Faith Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

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Offering, Sunday, August 17	\$1,629.42
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$1,976.00

Our Savior's:	
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