CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church 8:00 a.m. Faith Lutheran Church 10:30 a.m.

Time after Pentecost

September 21, 2014

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

With One Voice, page 46

CHOIR: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" by D. Wyrtzen

*GATHERING HYMN: Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth – Hymn 769

*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.

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

*SCRIPTURE SONG: J''Salvation belongs to our God..." page 47

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving-kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

NOISY OFFERING AND BLESSING OF LWR KITS - Marsha Witte

WORD

First Reading: Jonah 3:10—4:11

L: A reading from Jonah.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1—8 (*To be read responsively*) I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21—30

L: A reading from Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ↓ "Word of life, ..." – page 48

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twentieth chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1—16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY – Our Savior's – Dan Burke; Faith – Mark Witte

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF THE DAY: For the Fruit of All Creation – Hymn 760

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our 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

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything is new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace)

PRAYER

OFFERING PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*OFFERTORY – (Use Season after Pentecost – 3rd line) – page 50 "Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth, yours the anointing, the radiant worth..."

P: Let us pray. God our Creator,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*THE PRAYERS (Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God.
C:Your mercy is great.

*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 blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory,

Jesus Christ our peace,

and the Spirit of truth,

be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: Arise, Your Light Has Come! – Hymn 652

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

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Fortress

Organist:Our Savior's:Linda WhitmanPianist:Faith:Rachel BousselotChoir Director:Diane Christensen

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Faith: Ethan Wilhelm

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Faith: Dirk Braet

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Hannah Perrone, Garrette Perrone

Cleaners: Our Savior's: Brian Bousselot

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: For Cathy Goddard, 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.

There is a Sunday School class for all those three years of age and above. Please join us at 9:25 a.m. at Faith Church.

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.

Naomi Circle, meets at 9:30 a.m. at Marsha Witte's. Jeannene Bousselot will lead the Bible study.



The Education Committee of Calamus Lutheran Parish is encouraging the families of Faith and Our Savior's Sunday School children to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk in Wheatland on Sunday, October 5, at 1:00 p.m. – registration begins at 12:30. The walk through town begins and ends at the Calamus/Wheatland Activity Center.

Each family will be given a donation form and envelope. Collect donations from friends and family. Turn in all the money to the church office by the morning of Sunday, October 5. The total collected will be given as a gift from the Calamus Lutheran Parish.

Money from CROP Hunger Walks is used for assistance and food in the rural areas of the world. The donations from the DeWitt and Wheatland walks are combined. 15% of the money collected from the whole DeWitt area goes to the Referral and Services Center in DeWitt. 10% is given to the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland. The remaining 75% is used at the state, national and international level.

At A Glance

Today Friday Sunday	8:00 a.m 9:25 a.m 10:30 a.m 9:30 a.m 8:00 a.m 9:25 a.m 10:30 a.m	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church Sunday School/AC/God Squad at Faith Worship Service at Faith Church Naomi Circle at Marsha Witte's Worship Service at Our Savior's Church Sunday School/AC/at Faith Church Worship Service at Faith Church
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