

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Time after Pentecost

November 16, 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. 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)

GATHERING

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.

C: Amen.

P: Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Generous and faithful God,

C: we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: *Lord of Light* – Hymn 688**

***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.

*♪ **KYRIE** – P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. – pages 138-139

C: "Lord, have mercy."

*♪ **HYMN OF PRAISE** – "This is the feast..." – page 140

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHOIR: "Friends in Christ" by Don Besig & Nancy Price

NOISY OFFERING – Noisy Offering – Dan Burke

WORD

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12—18

L: A reading from Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,

he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,

those who say in their hearts,

"The LORD will not do good,

nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,

they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 90:1—12 (*To be read responsively*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

**in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

**You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

**The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Who considers the power of your anger?

Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

**So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1—11

L: A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* **♩ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia..."** – page 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:14—30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor David Aanonson
Silence for reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* – Hymn 324

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.)

***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.

Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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 679: For the Fruit of All Creation

Hymn 815: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

C: 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 SONG: *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* – Hymn 441**

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

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

Organist:	Our Savior's:	Jason Boussetot
Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussetot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Larry and Marilyn Schau
Greeter:	Faith:	Lois Wessels
Acolyte:	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
	Faith:	Kale Whitman (CA), Karragan Whitman
Lector:	Our Savior's:	Cindy Burke
	Faith:	Lois Wessels
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	Faith:	Mark Witte
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	Art Boussetot, Shane Glover
	Faith:	Marilyn Schau, Larry Schau, Diane Wilhelm, Herb Wilhelm
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 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 Jerry Weiss, Tim Griffin, Geri Schutt, Barbara Dannatt, Kristi Reed, Candice Ogden, Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Malinda Malmanger, Signe Rock, Alice Schroeder, 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.

This Sunday and next Sunday are "Treat the Pantries" Sundays at Faith and Our Savior's Churches. **Make your check payable to your congregation designated for "Treat the Pantries" and place it in the offering plate at Our Savior's Church or in the container in the narthex at Faith Church. All monetary donations are due by November 23.**

The West Clinton County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring this Care Abounds in Communities project in the eleven congregations of the chapter. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will add \$1,600 to the amount collected. The money will be divided among the four food pantries serving the area: DeWitt, Elvira, Lost Nation and Wheatland.

Thank you for your support of "Treat the Pantries," a project that has provided funds to the area food pantries since 1983.

Confirmation class will meet at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday at Faith Church.

Naomi Circle meets at Diane Christensen's on Friday at 9:30 a.m. Jeannene Boussetlot leads the Bible Study.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

November 26 - Faith Church 7:00 p.m.

(There is no monetary offering - only paper and dry goods for the Carroll Assistance Center, Wheatland)

Prepared Meal Served at 6:00 p.m.

The meal is free and sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Come, Eat! Enjoy the Fellowship! Bring a Friend!

The Calco is holding a basket raffle at their December 14th breakfast. If you would like to donate a basket, please contact Joyce Boedeker (246-2460) or Lori Johannsen (246-2377).

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/AC/God Squad at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. -	Confirmation Class at Faith Church
Friday	9:30 a.m. -	Naomi Circle at Diane Christensen's
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/AC/God Squad at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, November 9 36

Faith: Worship Attendance, November 9 54

Offering, Sunday, November 9 \$836.00

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$1,976.00

Sunday School Attendance, November 9 32

God Squad Attendance, November 9 4

Adult Class Attendance, November 9 7

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