

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

7:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138

(* Please stand if you are able)

GATHERING

EASTER GREETING

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR: "You Are Loved" by Cindy Berry

HOLY BAPTISM – (*See Baptism Insert*)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Faithful and just God,

C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* - Hymn 732**

***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: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 4:32—35

L: A reading from Acts.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles

gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2

L: A reading from 1 John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

Gospel: John 20:19—31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor David Aanonson

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Silence for reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* - Hymn 445

***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.

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**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy...
...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and 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.

COMMUNION

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 462: *Now We Join in Celebration*

Hymn 456: *Baptized in Water*

Hymn 631: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior; As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

C: Amen.

P: God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG: *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* – Hymn 534**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2015 Augsburg Fortress

Pianist: Rachel Bousselot

Altar Ministry: Mark and Marsha Witte

Greeter: Dirk Braet

Acolytes: Beth Tulley (CA), Anne Tulley

Lector: Mark Witte

Communion Assistant: Dirk Braet

Ushers: Mark Witte, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley,
Dick Johnson, Gary Braet

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.

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.

Those to keep in prayer this week: For the family of Lester Behne (Geri Schutt's brother) who passed away; For Marcella Husen, Vicki Sharp, Gary Braet, Claire Wallace, Josie Watham, Nancy Ramige, Malinda Malmanger, Signe Rock, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen and Myrna Kay Petersen.

This morning at Faith Church, by means of Holy Baptism, **Oliver Robert**, son of Thomas and Rebecca Barnes, is welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Oliver's sponsors are Daniel and Sadie Braet. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Oliver.

Confirmation Class meets at 6:00 p.m. at Faith Church on Wednesday.

Choir Rehearsal will be held at Faith Church, 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Worship Committee begins at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday at Our Savior's.

Joint Council meets at Our Savior's Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Naomi Circle will meet at the Crossroads Garden Cafe in DeWitt on Friday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, please notify Jeannene Bousselot by today, Sunday, April 12.

The **Noisy Offering** will be collected next Sunday, April 19.

Bible School Registration

Registration for Bible School is due in the church office or school office by April 20. Wednesday Bible School will be held at Faith Church on May 6, 13, and 20. Children age 4 through grade 6 will meet after school until 5:30. Parents must make arrangements with the school to have children ride the bus to church.

Summer lawn care for the Kvindherred Cemetery and Our Savior's church lawn: If you are interested in the lawn care for these two sites, please contact Dan Burke (563-468-8586) or Brian Bousselot 246-2776.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/Adult Class - F
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Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, Easter Sunday, April 5	79
Worship Attendance, Maundy Thursday, April 2	41

Faith:

Worship Attendance, Easter Sunday, April 5	116
Offering, Sunday, April 5	\$N/A
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,066.00
Worship Attendance, Good Friday, April 3	45

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