

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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

Ringing 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

***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: *As Rain from the Clouds* – Hymn 508**

***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: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 8:26—40

L: A reading from Acts.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip

ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:25—31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

**Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,**

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7—21

L: A reading from 1 John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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 fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 15:1—8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor David Aanonson

SERMON – Pastor David Aanonson

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty – Hymn 777

***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

***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 342: *There in God's Garden*

Hymn 477: *I Received the Living God*

Hymn 642: *Ubi caritas et amor*

***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: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* – Hymn 545**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

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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.

Organist:	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussetot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Ruth Braet, Annette Braet
Greeter:	Faith:	Jeannene Boussetot
Acolytes:	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
	Faith:	Ethan Wilhelm, Austin Henning
Lector:	Our Savior's:	Jason Boussetot
	Faith:	Laurie Storjohann
Communion Assistant:		
	Our Savior's:	Cindy Burke
	Faith:	Dirk Braet
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	Brian Boussetot, Mark Olson
	Faith:	Ruth Braet, Judy McMahon, Andrea Shelton, Laurie Storjohann
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Brian Boussetot, Dylan Boussetot

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 the family of Pastor David Hernes, who died this past week; For Vicki Sharp, Claire Wallace, Josie Watham, Nancy Ramige, Malinda Malmanger, Signe Rock, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen and Myrna Kay Petersen.

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.

This morning the God Squad has planned a visit to Wheatland Manor. The Sunday School children have made gifts for the residents. So...**today, the children of the parish will meet at Wheatland Manor during Sunday School time.** Parents, please take your children directly to Wheatland Manor at 9:30 instead of to church for Sunday School. Parents are encouraged to stay and help the children deliver May baskets to the residents. It is also important to stay and provide rides back home or to Faith for worship.

Pastor David Hernes passed away on Monday in Albert Lea, Minnesota. David is the husband of Arla Mae Olson and brother-in-law of Harry, Leonard, Marlon and Paul Olson. A grave-side service will be held in Our Savior's Kvindherred Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday. Following the service, a luncheon will be held in Our Savior's dining hall.

This Wednesday is the first week of Wednesday Bible School! Children of Faith and Our Savior's may invite their friends and neighbors to join them at **Wednesday Bible School on May 6, 13 and 20 at Faith church.** It is for children age 4 through grade 6. Parents must make arrangements with the school to have their children ride the bus to the church after school. Bible School ends at 5:30.

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

It is time to be preparing for **Faith Women's Basket Raffle** which will be held during Calamus Fun Days on July 11. If you have a basket ready to go or have items to be included in a basket and would like it wrapped, please leave your items at Faith Church. If you would like to donate cash to have Andrea Shelton or myself purchase items for your basket and put it together, we can do that as well (just not the week before the raffle.) Please check the newsletter for more information. Dawn Dosland 563-212-3352 and Andrea Shelton 847-6221.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School meets at Wheatland Manor
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
Wednesday	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Bible School at Faith
	6:00 p.m. -	Confirmation Class at Faith Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/AC at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, April 26 44

Faith:

Worship Attendance, April 26 53

Offering, Sunday, April 26 \$1,985.00

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Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

Martin Luther wrote the *Small Catechism* as a means by which *the head of the family shall teach* (the Christian faith) *to* (his/her) *household*. He began with the Ten Commandments. This he did because, as Law, the Commandments show us our sin and our need for the Gospel. He followed with the Apostles' Creed because the Gospel is proclaimed in the Creed. Next, he used the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer to teach us how to live in this gift of grace we receive through the Gospel.

The Lord's Prayer – First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

To be sure, God's name is holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may also be holy for us.

How is this done?

When the Word of God is taught clearly and purely and we, as children of God, lead holy lives in accordance with it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives otherwise than as the Word of God teaches, profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, heavenly Father! (Book of Concord, Theodore G. Tappert, translator, p. 346).

Prayer: Lord God, Holy and Heavenly Father, You have given us Your most holy name so that we may call upon You in every time of need. Enable us to lift up Your name in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Grant that we may use Your name for the purposes for which You have given it to us. Grant that we may preach, teach, worship, and live in accord with Your name and save us from apostasy and living lives that profane Your most holy name. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.