

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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: *Chief of Sinners Though I Be* – Hymn 609**

***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: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 10:44—48

L: A reading from Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be

baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

**The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre
and the sound of melody.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1—6

L: A reading from 1 John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes

that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 15:9—17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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: *Abide, O Dearest Jesus – Hymn 539

***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 742: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Hymn 828: *Beautiful Savior*

Hymn 470: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

***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: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* – Hymn 623**

***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

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

Organist:	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussetot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Ruth Braet, Annette Braet
Greeter:	Faith:	Terri Boussetot
Acolytes:	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
	Faith:	Ethan Wilhelm, Austin Henning
Lector:	Our Savior's:	Brian Boussetot
	Faith:	Lois Wessels
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

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 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.

There is no Committee Night or Worship Committee this month.

This Wednesday is the second 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.

Joint Council meets on Thursday at Faith Church beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Naomi Circle will meet at **10:30 a.m. Friday at Crossroads Garden Cafe in DeWitt.** Janice Berger is the hostess with Marsha Witte leading the Bible study. Please notify the church office by Monday, May 11, if you plan to attend.

Next Sunday, May 17 is the last Sunday for Sunday School, God Squad and Adult Class – classes resume next September 13 at Our Savior's Church.

You are invited to attend an **Open House Graduation Party for Connor Gasper** next Sunday, May 17, at Wapsi Oaks Country Club from 3:00—7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

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.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 31
8:00 Worship – Our Savior's Church
9:30 Worship – Faith Church

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church Sunday School/God Squad/AC at Faith Worship Service at Faith Church
Wednesday	3:30-5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. -	Wednesday Bible School at Faith Confirmation Class at Faith Church
Thursday	7:00 p.m. -	Joint Council at Faith Church
Friday	10:30 a.m. -	Naomi Circle at Crossroads Cafe, DeWitt
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church Sunday School/God Squad/AC at Faith Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, May 3 34

Faith:

Worship Attendance, May 3 53

Offering, Sunday, May 3..... \$2,529.00

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$2,066.00

Sunday School Attendance, May 3 35

Wednesday, Bible School Attendance, May 6:

Bible School Children, Age 4—Grade 6..... 60

Confirmands..... 5

Adults..... 12

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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 – Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? *To be sure, the kingdom of God comes of itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.*

How is this done? *When the heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit so that by His grace we may believe His holy Word and live a godly life, both here in time and hereafter forever (Book of Concord. Theodore G. Tappert, translator. p. 346).*

Prayer: Lord God, Holy and Heavenly Father, We pray for Your kingdom even though we know that through Holy Baptism You have brought us into Your kingdom. May we hear, believe, and do Your most holy Word. Grant by the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may live lives worthy of Your kingdom. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.