

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m.

Time after Pentecost

August 23, 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

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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C: Amen.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: God and Father of all,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* – Hymn 810**

***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.

***♪ 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.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Joshua 24:1—2a, 14—18

L: A reading from Joshua.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all

the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15—22

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD rescues them from them all.

**He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.**

Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10—20

L: A reading from Ephesians.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,

which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:56—69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Noisy Offering - Pastor Bill Runaas
Our Savior's – Amy Glover; Faith – Marsha Witte

SERMON – Pastor Bill Runaas

Silence for reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Now We Join in Celebration* – Hymn 462

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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 OF INTERCESSION**

(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: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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**

***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 618: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

Hymn 597: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Hymn 712: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing

to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: Almighty and merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG: *Lead On, O King Eternal!* – Hymn 805

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God!

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

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

Organist:	Our Savior's:	Jason Boussetot
Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussetot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Doreen Henning, Ashley Steffens
Greeter:	Faith:	Brian Tulley
Acolytes:	Our Savior's:	Maia Glover, Hailey Glover
	Faith:	Andrew Grau (CA), Colin Grau
Lector:	Our Savior's:	Deb Detlefs
	Faith:	Ruth Braet
Communion Assistant:		
	Our Savior's:	Brian Boussetot
	Faith:	Ashley Steffens
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	David Olson, Mark Olson
	Faith:	Daryl Henning, Doreen Henning, Blaine Henning, Kayla Henning, Ashley Steffens
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Marcia Edens, Mark Olson

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. We invite you to return 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 Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Katy Petersen, Vicki Sharp, Claire Wallace, Josie Watham, Nancy Ramige, Malinda Malmanger, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen, Geri Schutt and Myrna Kay Petersen.

The **Noisy Offering** will be received this morning. Our Noisy Offering for this year has been designated for **ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water**. The goal of this project is to raise \$500,000 for ELCA World Hunger –supported water projects around the world in 2015.

"A Legacy Event" - Sponsored by Thrivent Financial

Guest speakers: David Pillers, Attorney Ray Ackerman, Funeral Director
This event covers the basics of legacy preparation – you will receive a complimentary *Legacy Planning Guide* which will assist you in preparing for your funeral and other final expenses; learn about complimentary tools that can assist your family when you pass away and discover how Thrivent and Legacy Saveguard can assist you and your family during your time of need.

Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

Thrivent Financial Office, 908 – 6th Avenue, DeWitt

(Supper will be served from Hall of Fame, DeWitt)

To make a reservation call Thrivent 563.659.2991

Education Committee & Sunday School Staff

Mark Your Calendars:

Tuesday, September 1, 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's

Please make every attempt to attend!

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

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Offering, Sunday, August 16 \$6,132.00

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