

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 24, 2016**

**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, Setting3, page 138*

(\* Please stand if you are able)

**GATHERING**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of grace and glory,

**C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you and frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG: "Praise the Lord! O Heavens" – Hymn 823**

**\*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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing.

Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1—18**

L: A reading from Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This

happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 148**

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels;**

**praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens,**

**and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them forever and ever;**

**he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the LORD from the earth,

you sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and frost,**

**stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle,**

**creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the LORD!**

**Second Reading: Revelation 21:1—6**

L: A reading from Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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 thirteenth chapter.

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

**Gospel: John 13:31—35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

**SERMON** – Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

*Silence for reflection*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" -**

Hymn 367

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

P: Using the words of the Nicene Creed let us confess our holy faith:

**C: 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly 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,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who 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 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: 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**

### **\*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.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The table of life is spread before you.

Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

### **COMMUNION**

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 146

### **Hymns Sung During Distribution:**

**Hymn 462: "Now We Join in Celebration"**

**Hymn 452: "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"**

### **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **\*BLESSING**

P: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,  
the blessing of Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth  
be among you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen**

**\*SENDING SONG: "Jesus Shall Reign" – Hymn 434**

### **\*DISMISSAL:**

P: Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## Ring 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. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available during Holy Communion. Please indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.

<b>Pianist:</b>	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
<b>Organist:</b>	Our Savior's:	Jason Bousselot
<b>Altar Ministry:</b>	Faith:	Mark and Marsha Witte
<b>Greeter:</b>	Faith:	Mark Witte
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Faith:	Anne Tulley, Sarah Tulley
	Our Savior's:	Riley Bruns
<b>Lectors:</b>	Faith:	Marsha Witte
	Our Savior's:	Deb Detlefs
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Faith:	Dirk Braet
	Our Savior's:	Brian Bousselot
<b>Ushers:</b>	Faith:	Mark Witte, Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley, Gary Braet
	Our Savior's:	Joe Morehead, Brian Bousselot
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Our Savior's:	Marcia Edens, Mark Olson

**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 Brantley Behning (the grandson of Julie Gronewold's friend who is having blood platelet issues and is having a bone marrow biopsy), Rick Currin (Cindy Burke's dad who is having surgery this week), Ron Gasper, Vera St. John, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Katy Petersen, Scott McConnell, Mallory Bousselot, Tina, Vicki Sharp, Josie Watham, Nancy Ramige, Bob Barnard, Junior Homrighausen, Alice Schroeder, Florence Petersen, Geri Schutt 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 p.m. at Our Savior's Church.

**The Sunday School children are singing at the beginning of worship at Our Savior's this morning.** Parents, please plan for your children to stay for a few minutes following Sunday School.

**Registration for Bible School is due today.** There are forms on the tables at the back of both churches. The first day of Bible School is Monday, May 2.

**Lydia Circle** meets Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at Sharon Bousselot's. Pastor Bill will lead the Bible study.

**Confirmation Class** meets on Wednesday from 6:00—7:30 p.m. at Faith.

**The God Squad has planned a May Day visit to Wheatland Manor next Sunday during Sunday School time.** Parents, please take your children to Wheatland at 9:30 on Sunday, May 1. Parents are invited to stay and help with visiting the residents and distributing gifts. The children will also sing for the residents before leaving.

**Would you like to sing patriotic music in a community choir?** All are welcome! The first rehearsal is at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 1. Go to the south side of Central DeWitt High School and enter the door to the atrium. You will be guided to the chorus room. The group will perform on Sunday, July 3, in the Central DeWitt Performing Arts Center. Noah Cornelius, the CDHS vocal instructor, will direct.

**This Week At A Glance**

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/AC at OS
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
Wednesday	2:00 p.m. -	Lydia Circle at Sharon Bousselet's
	6:00—7:30	Confirmation Class at Faith
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/God Squad/AC at OS
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

**Faith:**

Worship Attendance, April 17 .....	34
Offering, April 17 .....	\$870.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget .....	\$2,182.00

**Our Savior's:**

Worship Attendance, April 17 .....	28
Sunday School Attendance, April 17 .....	18
God Squad Attendance, April 17 .....	4
Adult Class Attendance, April 17 .....	14

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