

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 1, 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: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" -**  
Hymn 389

**\*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.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16: 9—15**

L: A reading from Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of

Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

**that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

### **Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5**

L: A reading from Revelation.

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there

anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 fourteenth chapter.

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

**Gospel: John 14:23—29**

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

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*Silence for reflection*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Be Thou My Vision" – Hymn 793**

**\*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 790: "Day by Day"**

**Hymn 800: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"**

## **\*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: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" – Hymn 543**

### **\*DISMISSAL:**

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

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

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

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<b>Pianist:</b>	Faith:	Rachel Boussetol
<b>Organist:</b>	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
<b>Altar Ministry:</b>	Faith:	Ruth Braet, Annette Braet
<b>Greeter:</b>	Faith:	Judy McMahon
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Faith:	Ethan Wilhelm
	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
<b>Lectors:</b>	Faith:	Judy McMahon
	Our Savior's:	Jason Boussetol
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>		
	Faith:	Ruth Braet
	Our Savior's:	Cindy Burke
<b>Ushers:</b>	Faith:	Shirley Ferguson, Ruth Braet, Judy McMahon, Donna Petersen
	Our Savior's:	Mark Olson, Shane Glover
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Our Savior's:	Ray & Deb Detlefs

**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.

**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 Ethan Friedrich, Brantley Behning, Rick Currin, 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 last **Bake Sale by the God Squad** for the year will be held this morning.

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

**The choir has been invited to sing at Wesley United Methodist Church this morning** at their 10:30 worship service.

**" Acts of Kindness and Love"**

 **Bible School** 

**Monday, May 2, 9 and 16**

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**





You are invited to the **Women's/Mom's Bible Study, called "Coffee & A Little Jesus."** We will meet this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Kids are welcome. Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus

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

The **Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, with the theme "Drawn to the Light of God,"** gathers on Friday and Saturday in Coralville, Iowa. Pastor Bill, Mark and Marcia Witte from Faith, and Mark Olson and Marcia Edens from Our Savior's will serve as our voting delegates. Please lift up the assembly as they gather to share thoughts on how God continues to call us into a hope-filled future.

**Brayden Matthew**, son of Dylan Bousselot and Kodi Gasper, was born on Monday, April 25. Congratulations to all!

**If you are interested in the First Communion classes** being held Wednesday, May 11 at Faith Church at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior's, please notify Pastor Bill or the church office 246-2622. You will need to attend both sessions.

**Would you like to sing patriotic music in a community choir?** All are welcome! The first rehearsal is at 3:00 pm today, Sunday, May 1. Go to the north 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
Monday	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Bible School at Faith
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Heather Grau's
Wednesday	6:00—7:30	Confirmation Class at Faith
Friday-Saturday		Synod Assembly in Coralville
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 24 .....	40
Offering, April 24 .....	\$2,085.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget .....	\$2,182.00

### **Our Savior's:**

Worship Attendance, April 24 .....	36
Sunday School Attendance, April 24 .....	26
God Squad Attendance, April 24 .....	4
Adult Class Attendance, April 24 .....	16

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