

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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: "Faith of Our Fathers" – Hymn 813**

***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, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 16:16—34

L: A reading from Acts.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or

observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

**Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.

**His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**

All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.

**Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O God.**

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

**The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12—14, 16—17, 20—21

L: A reading from Revelation.

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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 seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 17:20—26

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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: "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" –**

Hymn 735

***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 836: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Hymn 826: "Thine be the Amen"

***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: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" – Hymn 656**

***DISMISSAL:**

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2016 Augsburg Fortress

Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
Organist:	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Ruth Braet, Annette Braet
Greeter:	Faith:	Shirley Ferguson
Acolyte:	Faith:	Ethan Wilhelm
	Our Savior's:	Drake Olson
Lectors:	Faith:	Diane Christensen
	Our Savior's:	Mark Olson
Communion Assistant:		
	Faith:	Ruth Braet
	Our Savior's:	Cindy Burke
Ushers:	Faith:	Shirley Ferguson, Ruth Braet, Judy McMahon, Donna Petersen
	Our Savior's:	Mark Olson, Shane Glover
Cleaners:	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 Danika Schnede, Ethan Friedrich, Brantley Behning, Rick Currin, Ron Gasper, Vera St. John, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Katy Petersen, Scott McConnell, Mallory Bousset, 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.

Committee Night is at Faith Church, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

"Acts of Kindness and Love"

 **Bible School** 

Monday, May 9 and 16

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.



If you are interested in the First Communion classes being held this Wednesday, May 11 at Faith Church at 6:30 p.m. and next 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.

Choir Rehearsal begins at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Faith Church.

Worship Committee meets at Faith Church at 6:00 p.m. Thursday.

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

The **Noisy Offering** will be collected next Sunday, May 15.

Next Sunday, May 15, Pentecost Sunday, five young people of the parish will affirm their baptism vows: Caleb Banowetz, Riley Bruns, Maia Glover, Drake Olson and Karragan Whitman. **Affirmation of Baptism will take place at Faith Church at 8:00 a.m.**

Would you like to sing patriotic music in a community choir? All are welcome! Rehearsal is at 3:00 pm today, Sunday, May 8. 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
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. -	Committee Night at Faith Church
Wednesday	6:30 p.m. -	First Communion Class at Faith Church
	8:00 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Thursday	6:00 p.m. -	Worship Committee at Faith Church
	7:00 p.m. -	Joint Council at Faith Church
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, May 1	54
Offering, May 1	\$2,420.25
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$2,182.00

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, May 1	28
Sunday School Attendance, May 1	17
Adults Accompanying Children to Wheatland Manor, May 1	13
Adult Class Attendance, May 1	12

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