

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

9:00 a.m.

Time after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

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

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HOLY COMMUNION

With One Voice – Setting 5, page 28

GATHERING

**Please stand if you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your words of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: "In the Morning When I Rise" – Hymn 777**

***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: "Glory to God..." – pages 29-30**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

You may be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

L: A reading from Deuteronomy.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!”
⁷ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him?
⁸ And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹ But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children—

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**

3 who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

5 who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

L: A reading from James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the

perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand.*

***♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord..."** – page 31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand:
¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,
²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Bill

SERMON – Pastor Bill

You may remain seated for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "We Come to the Hungry Feast" - Hymn 766

**Please stand.*

***CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED**

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**

P: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God we pray for all those who labor to bear your word into the world by welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, and caring for the orphan. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Creative God, we pray for the earth. Keep watch over those who rescue endangered species and repair scorched landscapes. Make us good stewards of creation. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, we pray for the nations of the world, for governments, leaders, and citizens. Watch over refugees and immigrants. Inspire us to welcome them with glad hearts when they arrive on our shores and in our neighborhoods. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Loving God, you call us to server our neighbors. Bless our vocations as we fill the cups of the thirsty, the plates of the hungry, and the hearts of the lonely. Make our presence your presence for all who sorrow. especially for Mark Witte, Betty Schau, Rebecca Hurt, Ron Voss, Adam Warnemunde, Linda Drowns, Barb Johnson, Chris Morehead, Bruce Aune, Shirley Emmert, Yogi Braet, June Reimers, Andrea Shelton,

George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Will Wade, Chris Forret, Lauren Dudley, Scott Fisher, Ethan Friedrich, Vicki Sharp; For the homebound: Norman Boussetot, Lois Wessels, Geneva Meadows, Bus Seastrand, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, Bob Barnard, and Myrna Kay Petersen. Lord in your mercy.

C: hear our prayers.

Welcoming God, at tables around the world, though story and meal, strangers become guests and guest become friends. Embolden this congregation to always extend the wide-armed welcome you extend to us.

Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses whose lives inspire us to loving service. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C: Amen

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

**Please stand.*

***♪ OFFERTORY: "Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord..." – page 35**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: God of life,

C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING – page 36**

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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: ♪ "Holy, holy, holy Lord..." – page 36

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***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: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

You may be seated.

COMMUNION

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 39

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 702: "I Am the Bread of Life"

Hymn 711: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

**Please stand.*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***♪ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thankful hearts..." - page 40**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, though Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG: "You Are the Seed" – Hymn 753**

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2018 Augsburg Fortress

Pastor: Rev. William Runaas, Jr.

Pianist: Rachel Bousselot

Altar Ministry: Brain and Deb Tulley Family

Greeter: Ashley Steffens

Acolytes: Ryan Dick, Shalee Edwards

Lector: Ashley Steffens

Communion Assistant: Andrea Shelton

Ushers: Diane Sievers, Lonny Sievers.

Eric Hoffmann, Brittany Hoffmann

Grant Hoffmann, Olivia Hoffmann

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 the church, if you would like to make use of the accommodations.

Those to keep in prayer this week: the family of Becky Porth Thomas, Tina Williams, Jeannene Boussetot, Betty Schau, Rebecca Hurt, Ron Voss, Adam Warnemunde, Linda Drowns, Barb Johnson, Chris Morehead, Bruce Aune, Shirley Emmert, Yogi Braet, June Reimers, Andrea Shelton, George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Will Wade, Chris Forret, Lauren Dudley, Scott Fisher, Ethan Friedrich, Vicki Sharp; For the homebound: Norman Boussetot, Lois Wessels, Geneva Meadows, Bus Seastrand, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, Bob Barnard, and Myrna Kay Petersen.

This Week At A Glance

Week starting September 2

Sunday	9:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith Church
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – “Coffee & Little Jesus” at Heather Grau’s
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. – Confirmands and their parents meet at Faith
Saturday	9:15 a.m. – P/K Sunday School Preview at Faith
Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 a.m. – Sunday School and Adult Class at Faith
	10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	11:30 a.m. – Ice Cream Social at Faith

Fall Schedule begins next Sunday.

The first day of Sunday School is September 9 at 9:25 at Faith Church.

Sunday School is for all ages!

There are classes for children in preschool through 6th grade.

If you are in 7th through 12th grade,

meet with the **God Squad** in the kitchen at Faith Church.

There is also an **Adult Class**.

The students who attended the **ELCA Youth Gathering** in Houston are going to share their experience during Adult Class next Sunday. Everyone is invited to come and listen.

The God Squad is treating all members of the parish to an **Ice Cream Social** at Faith next Sunday at 11:30. Please come and enjoy!

Calamus Community Worship offering, August, 19, 2018...\$493.00

Faith:

Worship Attendance, August 26, 2018.....51

Offering, August 26, 2018.....\$3,605.00

Needed weekly to meet budget.....\$2,182.00

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, August 26, 2018.....23

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New Church Directory

A new church directory will be created because the previous directory was completed in 2013. Photos of members will be taken after worship services at both churches on September 9, 16, and 23.

Members may submit their own photo to Dan Burke electronically at dburke@gmtel.net or by dropping it off at the church office. Any submitted photo MUST not have a copyright associated with it, unless the member has been given reproduction permission.

All photos must be to Dan Burke by October 7.

The digital directory will be created in house and hard copies maybe purchased for a nominal fee.