

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Time after Pentecost

September 9, 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 and Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138

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: "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"**
- Hymn

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***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.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C: Amen

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

9 The LORD watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: James 2: 1-10, 14-17

L: A reading from James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or

sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand.*

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia..."** – page 142

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** Gospel: Mark 7:24-37**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he

spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Bill – Bless the backpacks

SERMON – Pastor Bill

You may remain seated for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesus Loves Me!" – Hymn 595

**Please stand.*

***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 prayers.)*

***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 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 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 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 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: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

You may be seated.

COMMUNION

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 638: "Blessed Assurance"

Hymn 556: "Morning Has Broken"

**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 PRAYER**

P: Holy and Compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble courageous. May your words come to live

in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak to a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: God, creator of all things, speak 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: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

– Hymn

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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

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: 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.

The God Squad invites all to an **Ice Cream Social at 11:30 today** at Faith. It is a THANKS to the parish for the support given to the group.

Pastor:	Rev. William Runaas, Jr.
Pianist: Faith:	Rachel Boussetot
Organist: Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
Altar Ministry: Faith:	Brian & Deb Tulley family
Greeter: Faith:	Duane Petersen
Acolytes: Faith:	Ryan Dick, Shalee Edwards
	Our Savior's: Courtney Knoche
Lectors: Faith:	Marsha Witte
	Our Savior's: Dan Burke
Communion Assistants:	
	Faith: Andrea Shelton
	Our Savior's: Cindy Burke
Ushers: Faith:	Diane Sievers, Lonny Sievers, Brittany Hoffmann, Eric Hoffmann Grant Hoffmann, Olivia Hoffman
	Our Savior's: Shane and Amy Glover

Sunday School starts today. There is a class for everyone at 9:30 at Faith. The students who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston will share their experiences during Adult Class today.

A special collection for CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) will be taken on September 16 during worship services. Make checks payable to your congregation and put “CROP Walk” on the memo line. 25% of funds raised will stay local to support the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland and DeWitt’s Referral Center.

This Week At A Glance
Week starting September 9

Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior’s
	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Adult Class at Faith
	10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith
	11:30 a.m. – Ice Cream Social at Faith
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. – Committee night at Faith
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class at Faith
Thursday	6:00 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting at Faith
	7:00 p.m. – Joint Council meeting at Faith
Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior’s
	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Adult Class at Faith
	9:30 a.m. – God Squad meeting at Faith
	10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith

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.

Joint Worship Attendance at Faith, September 2, 2018.....50
 Faith Offering, September 2, 2018.....\$
 933.00
 Needed weekly to meet budget..... \$2,182.00

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