

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m. (outdoors)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m.

Time after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

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 to receive Holy Communion.

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Silently confess your sin in the presence of God, and one another.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead to sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with the power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” (verse 1)

“Almighty God, your word is cast like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heaven descend and righteous fruits abound.”

WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

L: A reading from Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” ¹⁴ So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” ¹⁶ “I am seeking my

brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.”¹⁷ The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan.¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.¹⁹ They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer.²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.”²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.”²² Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed.²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

³ Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

¹⁶ When he summoned famine against the land,
and broke every staff of bread,

¹⁷ he had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

¹⁸ His feet were hurt with fetters,
his neck was put in a collar of iron;

¹⁹ until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the LORD kept testing him.

²⁰ The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

²¹ He made him lord of his house,
and ruler of all his possessions,

²² to instruct his officials at his pleasure,
and to teach his elders wisdom.

⁴⁵ that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD!

New Testament Reading: Romans 10:5-15

L: A reading from Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught

him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON – Pastor Roberta

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (verse 1)

“Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.”

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, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Each petition ends: P: Lord in your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.)

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.**

SENDING HYMN: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (verse 1)

“My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!”

OFFERING

*An offering plate will not be passed.
Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the church.*

MEAL

COMMUNION BLESSING

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion.
Please exit the church following distribution.*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Pastor: Rev. Roberta Pierce

Organist: Jason Boussetot or Linda Whitman

Lector: Cindy Burke

Next week: Brian Boussetot

Usher: Dan Burke

Next month: Brian Boussetot

Cleaners: Marcia Edens and Mark Olson

Next month: Shane and Amy Glover

Noisy Offering will be received next Sunday. This year's offering is for Lutheran Disaster Response for U.S. flooding. The noisy offering bucket for loose change will be set by the offering plate.

Members of the parish are again at work **making face masks** to be used by students and staff at Calamus/Wheatland schools. If you are willing to help cut or sew, contact Rebecca at the church office for directions.

Those to keep in prayer this week: Bob Peters, Kim Steffens, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Coral Hesse, Velda Holloman, Nan Waldorf, Ray Johnson, Ruth Braet, Dale Jacobs, Ellen Bauer, Glenda Oldaker, Chance Dexter, Darcy Aune, Bruce Aune, Kelly Meyer, Donna Ploog, Joyce McCutcheon, Colleen Clausen Olson, Christian Bousset, Barb Johnson, June Reimers, George Tulley, and Vicki Sharp; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Ed Meadows, Norman Bousset, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and serving in the military: Andrew Grau and Nick Timmerman.

This Week At A Glance

Week starting August 9

Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith (outdoors)
	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. – Committee Meetings at Our Savior's
Friday	6:00 p.m. – Worship Committee at Our Savior's
	7:00 p.m. – Joint Council at Our Saviors
Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith (outdoors)
	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's

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