

# **CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

**Time after Pentecost**

**November 8, 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. Please follow the safety protocols used at Our Savior's.

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.

### **GREETING**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” (verse 4)

**Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for, o’er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth’s redemption that sets your people free!**

## **WORD**

**Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24: 1-3, 14-25**

L: A reading from Joshua.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3</sup> Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us

along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed;<sup>18</sup> and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup> But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.”<sup>20</sup> If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.”<sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!”<sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.”<sup>23</sup> He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”<sup>24</sup> The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.”<sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 78:1-7**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**<sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable;**

**I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

<sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.

**<sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children;**

**we will tell to the coming generation**

**the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,**

**and the wonders that he has done.**

<sup>5</sup> He established a decree in Jacob,  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors  
to teach to their children;

**<sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and rise up and tell them to their children,**  
<sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments.

**New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

L: A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their

lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** – Pastor Roberta

**SERMON** – Pastor Roberta

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (verse 1)

**Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight’s splendor,  
there with joy your praises render.  
Bless the one whose grace unbounded  
this amazing banquet founded;  
Christ, though heavenly, high, and holy,  
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

**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, 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 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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**)

## **OFFERING**

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

## **MEAL**

## **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.**

## **COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy  
Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Please proceed forward at the direction of the usher.*

*Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available during Holy Communion.*

*Indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.*

# POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## BLESSING

## SENDING

**SENDING HYMN:** “Blessed Assurance” (verses 1 & 2, with refrain)

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

*Refrain:*

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

## 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:** Brian Boussetot; **Next Sunday:** Neil Holmquist

**Usher:** Joe Morehead

**Acolyte:** Ryan Olson

**Communion Assistant:** Dan Burke

**Cleaners:** Jason and Chad Boussetot

## This Week At A Glance

### Week starting November 8

Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior’s 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School at Faith 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. – Education Committee at Faith
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class at Faith
Thursday	7:00 p.m. – Joint Council at Faith
Sunday	<b>Noisy Offering for ELCA Disaster Response</b> 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior’s 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School at Faith 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith

**Those to keep in prayer this week:** Betty Schau, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Ruth Braet, Barb Johnson, George Tulley, and Vicki Sharp; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Ed Meadows, Norman Boussetot, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, Joan Shelton, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and those serving in the military.

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Calamus Lutheran Parish and Wesley United Methodist Church are raising funds for the “Feeding the Children” program. Seven students who attend Calamus/Wheatland schools are currently provided food for two breakfasts and two lunches over the weekend. The school counselor has informed us that there is a need to increase the bags of food to serve fifteen children. We can do this with your help!

**The ELCA has a World Hunger Daily Bread Matching Grant program for community feeding ministries.** If \$500 is donated online, the ELCA will match it with \$500. Any and all donations are welcome. There is a link to the online giving in an email recently sent to all members. Please call the CLP church office with questions. Thank you!

Sincerely, Rebecca Hurt and Joyce Hower  
“Feeding the Children” organizers