

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - 8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church - 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace – the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

Welcome in Jesus' name. We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. We invite you to return and worship with us again. 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.

Safety protocols remain in place to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. Please wear a face covering during worship and stay a safe distance from others.

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

As we return to the use of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) book after a year, there are notes included in the bulletin about the pattern of worship.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated today.

All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138

The liturgy is in the front of the book with numbers at the bottom of the pages.

The hymns begin in the middle of the book with numbers at the top of the pages.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

There is a time of silence for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

C: Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" (ELW 384)

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 (pages 138-139; spoken responsively by Pastor and the congregation)

♪ **Canticle of Praise:** "This is the feast..." (pages 140-141)

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-32

L: A reading from Acts.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 *(read responsively)*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

**³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2

L: A reading from 1 John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.⁴ We are writing these things so that our^[a] joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

♪ **Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"** (page 142)

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the

Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

Children's Sermon – Pastor Roberta

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You may remain seated for the hymn, the creed, and the prayers.

Hymn of the Day: "Christ Has Risen, Alleluia" (ELW 364)

Confession of Faith

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 human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
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.

Prayers of Intercession

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

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.**

You may be seated.

Communion

♪ "O Lamb of God..." (page 146)

All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing. Proceed forward at a safe distance from others. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.

Hymn during distribution: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" (ELW 609)

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (ELW 389)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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Faith: Donna Petersen and Ashley Steffens

Altar Ministry: Faith: Ruth Braet and Annette Braet

Cleaners: Our Savior's: Deb and Ray Detlefs

Those to keep in prayer this week: the residents and staff at Maggie’s House, Ole Olson, Betty Schau, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Barb Johnson, George Tulley, and Vicki Sharp; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Norman Boussetot, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, Joan Shelton, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and those serving in the military.

NOTE: Bible School registration forms are due in the church office tomorrow!

Bible School will be the first four Mondays in May! There is a sign-up sheet in the back of each church for adults and teens to volunteer as helpers on May 3, 10, 17, and 24. Cash assistance is requested to buy individual snacks for the children. Monetary donations may be dropped off in the church office.

Thank You! During the 40 days of Lent, Calamus Lutheran Parish members donated **44 jars of peanut butter** for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland.

This Week At A Glance

Week starting April 11

Today	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior’s 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – Naomi Circle at Diane Christensen’s home 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation at Faith 6:00 p.m. – Education Committee at Our Savior’s
Thursday	6:00 p.m. – Worship Committee at Our Savior’s 7:00 p.m. – Joint Council at Our Savior’s
Sunday	Noisy Offering for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior’s 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith

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