

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

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

Faith Lutheran Church - 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 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

Ringing 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 ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.

The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW 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.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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. 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: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (ELW 367)

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)

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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 3:12-19

L: A reading from Acts.

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰ so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, ²¹ who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets. ²² Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you. ²³ And it will be that everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly rooted out of the people.’ ²⁴ And all the

prophets, as many as have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, also predicted these days. ²⁵ You are the descendants of the prophets and of the covenant that God gave to your ancestors, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ ²⁶ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 (*read responsively*)

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!”

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

L: A reading from 1 John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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 Luke.

Gospel: Luke 24:36-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

Children’s Sermon – Pastor Roberta

The 2021 Noisy Offering is for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland.

Sermon – Pastor Roberta

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

Hymn of the Day: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (ELW 392)

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; spoken responsively)

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

♪ "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: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

(ELW 619)

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: "Thine Is the Glory" (ELW 376)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2021 Augsburg Fortress

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Everlee Sue Shorter was baptized at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 11. Everlee is the daughter of Zach and Rebecca and sister to Lucas, Bennet, and Natalie. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Everlee

If anyone is interested in **First Communion Classes** for their children, please call the church office or talk to Pastor Roberta or Secretary Rebecca.

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, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, Joan Shelton, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and those serving in the military.

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. There will be a **Bible School staff meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April, 26, at Faith.**

This Week At A Glance
Week starting April 18

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
Monday	May newsletter items are due in the church office.
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. – Confirmation at Faith 7:00 p.m. – Bible Jam for JH and HS youth at Faith
Sunday	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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