

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

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

Faith Lutheran Church - 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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) after a year, there are notes included in the bulletin about the pattern of worship. You will be asked to use the worship book more. Less will be printed in the bulletin.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with page numbers at the bottom.

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

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.

GATHERING

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

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness (pages 94-96)

Gathering Hymn: “Jesus Shall Reign” (# 434)

Greeting (page 138)

Kyrie (pages 138-139; *spoken responsively*)

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 8:26-40

L: A reading from Acts.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.)²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.”³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”³¹ He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31 (*read responsively*)

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

**³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,**

³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-26

L: A reading from Galatians.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The Gospel of our 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: “For the Fruit of All Creation” (# 679)

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (page 104)

Prayers of Intercession (pages 105-106)

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Presentation of the Gifts

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (page 144; *spoken responsively*)

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: ♪ “Holy, holy, holy Lord...” (page 144)

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer (page 145)

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: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (# 883)

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” (# 389)

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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Organist: Our Savior’s: Jason Boussetot or Linda Whitman

Pianist: Faith: Rachel Boussetot

Acolytes: Our Savior's: David Burke

Faith: Peyton Grau

Lectors: Our Savior’s: Joyce McCutcheon

Faith: Mark Witte

Communion Assistants: Our Savior’s: Cindy Burke

Faith: Marsha Witte

Ushers: Our Savior's: Dan Burke

Faith: Brian Tulley and Mark Witte

Altar Ministry: Faith: Mark and Marsha Witte

Cleaners: Our Savior’s: Jason and Chad Boussetot

Those to keep in prayer this week: the residents and staff at Maggie’s House, Neil Mason, 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.

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

Bible School starts tomorrow at 3:15 at Faith! All children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to attend on four Mondays (May 3, 10, 17, 24). The children will “Follow the Jesus-Built Road” with Bible lessons on wisdom, courage, love, and trust. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of each church for adults and teens to volunteer as helpers. Cash assistance is requested to buy individual snacks for the children. Monetary donations may be dropped off in the church office.

This Week At A Glance

Week starting May 2

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	3:15 – 5:15 p.m. – Bible School 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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