CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - 8:00 a.m. Faith Lutheran Church - 10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 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: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (# 631)

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 have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10:44-48

L: A reading from Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (read responsively)

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

L: A reading from 1 John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ^[a] has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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: "As Rain from the Clouds" (# 508)

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: J "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: "What Wondrous Love Is This" (# 666)

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: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (# 836)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

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Pastor: Rev. Roberta Pierce

Organist: Our Savior's: Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

Pianist: Faith: Rachel Bousselot

Acolytes: Our Savior's: David Burke

Faith: Peyton Grau

Lectors: Our Savior's: Dan Burke

Faith: Ashley Steffens

Communion Assistants: Our Savior's: Cindy Burke

Faith: Terri Bousselot

Ushers: Our Savior's: Dan Burke

Faith: Brian Tulley

Altar Ministry: Faith: Terri Bousselot

Cleaners: Our Savior's: Jason and Chad Bousselot

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, and George Tulley; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, Joan Shelton, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and those serving in the military.

The second Monday of Bible School is tomorrow at 3:15 at Faith. All children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to attend the three remaining Mondays (May 10, 17, 24). The children will "Follow the Jesus-Built Road" with Bible lessons on wisdom, courage, love, and trust. Cash assistance is requested to buy individual snacks for the children. Monetary donations may be dropped off in the church office.

A note from Hailey Glover concerning her service project for Iowa Youth Congress – For the first three Sundays in May (2, 9, 16) there will be a donation box in the back of both churches. I will be collecting items for people in need. Items such as body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste will be accepted. All donations will go to King's Harvest Ministries, a homeless shelter in the Quad Cities that feeds, houses, and helps people attain jobs to get them back on their feet. These items can be for men, women, and children. Any questions can be directed to me, Hailey. Thank you!

This Week At A Glance Week starting May 9

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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	
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – Naomi Circle at Diane Christensen's home		
7:00 p.m. - Bible Jam at Faith for JH and HS youth		
Thursday	6:00 p.m. – Worship Committee at Faith	
	7:00 p.m. – Joint Council at Faith	
Sunday	Noisy Offering for the Carroll Assistance Center	
	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's	
Confirmation at Our Savior's – Erica Will affirms her baptism		
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith		
	10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith	

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