

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May12, 2013

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 forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

SERVICE OF ROGATION

CHOIR: "You Are Loved" by Cindy Berry

HOLY BAPTISM (*See Insert*)

***GATHERING SONG:** *Lord Our God, with Praise We Come* – Hymn
730

***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.

***OPENING DIALOG**

P: O Creator God, with your breath you created light and darkness.

C: And it was good.

P: By your work you created the heavens.

C: And it was good.

P: You created the dry land of earth, and the waters of the seas.

C: And it was good.

P: By your word, you called forth growing things: plants, fruit, trees.

C: And it was good.

P: You created the sun and the moon to order the days and nights.

C: And it was good.

P: You created the living creatures in the waters, and the living creatures of the air.

C: And it was good.

P: You created the living creatures of the land: cattle and wild animals; everything that moves upon the land.

C: And it was good.

P: By your word, you created humankind—both female and male—to care for the earth and all that is over, on, and in it. And to these new creatures, you gave everything that you had made.

C: And it was good. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Look upon us and hear us, O Lord our God; and assist those endeavors to please you which you yourself have granted to us. As you have given the first act of will, so give the completion of the work. Aid us in the tilling of the earth and in the scattering of the seed. Help us love your creation. Keep all who work safe. Grant that we may be able to finish what you have granted us to wish to begin, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1—8

L: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF PRAISE: Psalm 19:1—6 (*To be read responsively by whole verse*)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:5—9

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* **♫ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *For the Fruit of All Creation*** – Hymn
679 v.1

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 12:20—26**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O God Beyond All Praising – Hymn 880

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray to the God who has created us and all that exists in this world, saying: Creating God,

C: We are your stewards.

P: We pray for those people in the world who go hungry every day, for the children who have not known the taste of bread. Creating God,

C: We are your stewards.

P: We pray for those people in our community who do not have enough eat, for the ones who are not able to eat nutritionally balanced meals. Creating God,

C: We are your stewards.

P: We pray for the governments around the world that they make good and wise decisions regarding food for their peoples. Creating God,

C: We are your stewards.

P: We pray for the ones who till, plant, and care for the land so that there will be enough for all to eat. Creating God,

C: We are your stewards.

P: God, you call us to exercise good stewardship over the land. You call us to care for the land with love and compassion. Help us to answer your call. Help us to tend the land in ways that will make it last, to grow crops that do not damage the land, to engage in sustainable agriculture. Creating God,

C: We are your stewards.

P: Giver of good gifts, we give you thanks that we are able to come before you with our petitions. We ask for your good favor in response to each of these, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING - *Elements are brought forward with offering.*

OFFERTORY: God, Whose Farm Is All Creation – Hymn 734

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

It is with a spirit of joy that we bring these elements before you for blessing this day. We bring seed that will be sown into the earth, nourished by the richness of the soil, and water that will enable the seed to grow into fullness. We give you thanks for the charge you have given us to be stewards of the earth. We give you thanks for the invitation you have given us to be co-creators with you, the one God who created all that exists.

C: Amen.

BLESSING OF ROGATION ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOR SEEDS

P: Let us pray,

All: Creating God, you have given seed to the sower and bread to the people. Nourish, protect and bless the seed which your people have sown in hope. By your loving and bountiful giving, may they bring

**forth their fruit in due season. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYER FOR SOIL

P: Let us pray,

All: Giver of life, we give you thanks that in the richness of the soil, nature awakens to your call of spring. We praise you for the smell of freshly tilled earth, the beauty of a cleanly cut furrow and, a well-plowed field. We ask that you help us to be good stewards of this land. In the name of the one who gives us new life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR WATER/RAIN

P: Let us pray,

All: Sustaining God, we receive the fruits of the earth from you. We give you thanks for the smell of the earth after rain, for its welcome cooling, and its necessary hydration for the land. We ask that the rain come as often as it is needed so that the crops may flourish and the coming harvest be indeed bountiful. Amen.

***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 and honorable that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, God the Creator, who has invited us through Jesus Christ, to be loving stewards of the earth. So it is with joyful expectation in this coming growing season that we join with believers on earth and the entire host of heaven, saying...

C: Holy, holy, holy are you. You are God of heaven and earth. Your glory is proclaimed in the growing things of nature. Hosanna in the highest heaven and here on earth. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23b—26)

***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

♪ "*Lamb of God...*" – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 689: *Praise and Thanksgiving*

Hymn 824: *This Is My Father's World*

Hymn 836: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

***BLESSING**

P: May the broken body and the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you as you work to be good stewards in God's grace.

C: Amen.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

All: We give you thanks, Creator God, for the gift that you have given us in Christ Jesus. Strengthen us through this gift that we may be your worthy servants, caring for each other and the land as good stewards. Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P: May the God who has ordered creation, order our days as loving stewards. May God's richest, and most bountiful blessings be upon us as we go out these doors to work in the fields at this rogationtide. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

***SENDING HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* – Hymn 733**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

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Holy Communion is celebrated today. All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be continuous. Please proceed forward at the direction of the ushers. White grape juice is available during Holy Communion. Please indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.

Organist: Our Savior's: Linda Whitman

Faith: Jason Bousselot

Choir Director: Diane Christensen

Altar Ministry: Faith: Ruth Braet & Annette Braet

Greeter: Faith: Judy McMahan

Acolyte: Our Savior's: Alec Olson

Faith: Caleb Carpenter (CA), Beth Tulley

Communion Assistant:

Our Savior's: Terina Bruns

Faith: Terri Bousselot

Ushers: Our Savior's: Ole Olson, Shane Glover,

Leonard Olson, Peter Whitman

Faith: Shirley Ferguson, Ruth Braet,

Judy McMahan, Andrea Shelton

Cleaners: Our Savior's: Sherry & Delores Lahann

Shane & Amy Glover

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We are glad to have you worship with us this morning. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come back and worship with us again.

Those to keep in prayer this week: For all those who are ill: Kristi Reed, DeeAnn Cheney, Candice Ogden, Richard Johnson, Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Signe Rock, Myrtle Koslofsky, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen; For Austin Miller, Kayla Dohrmann, Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

There are Sunday School classes and an Adult Class meeting at 9:25 a.m. at Faith Church. Today is the last day of Sunday School and Adult Class. Classes will resume September 8 at Our Savior's Church.

Olivia Lynn, daughter of Eric and Brittany Hoffmann, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, is welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Olivia's sponsors are Fred and Emily Swihart. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Olivia!

Committee Night begins at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Faith Church.

Lydia Circle meets on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at Marilyn Malmanger's. Melinda Malmanger will lead the Bible Study.

Choir rehearsal begins at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Faith Church.

Worship Committee meets at Faith Church, 6:00 p.m., Thursday.

Joint Council meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Faith Church.

Naomi Circle meets on Friday at 9:00 a.m. at Janice Berger's. Diane Christensen will lead the Bible Study.

You are invited to the wedding of Luke Shelton and Jessica Muhl at Faith Church this Saturday at 2:30 p.m. A social hour will be held from 4—5 p.m. at the Vista Grand, 2141 – 16th St. NW in Clinton, followed by a reception/dinner at 5:00 p.m. and a dance at 7:30 p.m.

Summer Schedule Begins:

MAY 19, next Sunday, begins the first Sunday of our summer worship schedule. Through the summer, 8:00 Worship Service is at Our Savior's and the 9:30 Worship Service is at Faith. There is no Sunday School or Adult Class.

MAY 19 is Confirmation Sunday.

May 19, 8:00 Worship is at Our Savior's and Worship, with the Affirmation of Baptism, begins at 9:30 at Faith Church.

Nolan Christensen is graduating! A Time to Celebrate! Join us Sunday, May 19, 4—8 p.m., Wapsi Oaks Country Club, 1594 Hwy 30, Calamus.

The Noisy Offering will be received on Sunday, May 26.

Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31, from 8:30 - 11:00 at Faith Church will be 4 days of Bible stories and activities illustrating "God's Loving Promises." All kids (age 4 through 5th grade) are invited. 6th graders, 7th graders and 8th graders are encouraged to come and serve as helpers. Call Marsha at 659-5520 if you have any questions.

Our Savior's is in need of two delegates to the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, Friday, May 31—Saturday, June 1, 2013 at Hope Lutheran in Des Moines. Please contact Pastor Sarah or Dan Burke if you would be willing to serve as a delegate.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. -	Committee Night at Faith Church
Wednesday	2:00 p.m. -	Lydia Circle at Marilyn Malmanger's
	8:00 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Thursday	6:00 p.m. -	Worship Committee at Faith Church
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Saturday	2:30 p.m. -	Shelton/Muhl Wedding at Faith Church
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	9:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, May 5 54

Faith: Worship Attendance, May 5 116

Offering, Sunday, May 5..... \$3,347.65

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Sunday School Attendance, May 5 32

Adult Class Attendance, May 5 20

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