

**CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 11, 2014**

**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

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138*

(\* Please stand if you are able)

**CHOIR:** "You Are Loved" by Cindy Berry

**HOLY BAPTISM** (*See Insert*)

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

**C: Amen.**

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance. God of life,

**C: by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

P: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* – Hymn 502**

**\*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 – P: "In peace..." C: ♪ "Lord, have mercy..." – page 138**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE – ♪ "This is the feast..." – page 140**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann**

**WORD**

**First Reading: Acts 2:42—47**

L: A reading from Acts.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** (*To be read responsively*)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19—25**

L: A reading from 1 Peter.

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **♩ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** "*Alleluia...*" – page 142

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 10:1—10**

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

*Silence for reflection*

\***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *The Lord's My Shepherd* – Hymn 778

\***CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

P: Using the words of the Nicene Creed let us confess our holy faith:

**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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead,  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 with P: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.)*

#### **\*PEACE**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

#### **MEAL**

#### **OFFERING**

#### **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

#### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P: Let us pray.**

**C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: ♪ "Holy, holy, holy Lord,..." - page 144**

**\*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.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION**

♪ "*Lamb of God...*" – page 146

**Hymns Sung During Distribution:**

**Hymn 483: *Here Is Bread***

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

**Hymn 856: *How Great Thou Art***

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever.

**C: Amen**

## SENDING

### \*BLESSING

P: The God of all grace,  
who has called you to eternal glory in Christ,  
restore, support, strengthen, and bless you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

\*SENDING SONG: *For All the Faithful Women* (See Insert)

### \*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2014 Augsburg Fortress

<b>Pianist:</b>	Faith:	Rachel Boussetot
	Our Savior's:	Linda Whitman
<b>Altar Ministry:</b>	Faith:	Dave and Terri Boussetot
<b>Greeter:</b>	Faith:	Joan Shelton
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Faith:	Beth Tulley (CA), Anne Tulley
	Our Savior's:	Maia Glover
<b>Lector:</b>	Faith:	Julie Gronewold
	Our Savior's:	Jason Boussetot
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Faith:	Marsha Witte
	Our Savior's:	Katrina Harkness
<b>Ushers:</b>	Faith:	Shirley Ferguson, Ruth Braet, Judy McMahon, Andrea Shelton
	Our Savior's:	David Olson, Joe Morehead
<b>Cleaners:</b>	Our Savior's:	Marcia Edens, Mark Olson

**Welcome to our guests and visitors.** We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Please come back and worship with us again.

**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.

There is a "**cry room**" **available** in the back of each church, if you would like to make use of the accommodations.

**Those to keep in prayer this week:** For Dana Jacobsen, Tootie Steines, Cathy Goddard, Barbara Dannatt, Kristi Reed, Candice Ogden, Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Audrey Witte, Signe Rock, Myrtle Koslofsky, Florence Petersen, Evelyn Stueland and Myrna Kay Petersen; For Christopher Holmes, Jeremy Koch, Brian Holmes and all others serving in the military.

**There is a Sunday School Class and an Adult Class** for all those from three years of age and above. Please join us at 9:25 a.m. at Our Savior's Church.

This morning at Faith Church, **Samuel Douglas**, son of Matthew and Ellen Mueller, through Holy Baptism is welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Samuel's sponsors are Andy and Amanda Kahl. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Samuel.

**Vacation Bible School** meets from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Faith Church on Wednesday.

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

**Naomi Circle** meets in the home of Janice Berger on Friday at 9:30 a.m. Diane Christensen will lead the Bible study.

The **Noisy Offering** will be received next Sunday, May 18.

**Five members of the Calamus Lutheran Parish are graduating from Calamus/Wheatland High School:** from Our Savior's – Mikaela Crossen, daughter of Ray and Deb Detlefs; from Faith – Nick Costello, son of Rod and Robin Costello/Smith, Tyler Gasper, son of Keith and Tracy Gasper, Nick Storjohann, son of Laurie and the late Pappy Storjohann and Brendan Williams, son of Jeff and Charity Griebel. Congratulations to all!



**Open House Graduation Party for Tyler Ryan Gasper**, son of Keith and Tracy Gasper: Sunday, May 18, 3:00—7:00 p.m., Wapsi Oaks Country Club. Everyone Welcome!

**The God Squad is offering everyone in the Calamus Lutheran Parish the opportunity to purchase a parish t-shirt** as a part of the God Squad's fund-raising campaign. The proceeds of their fund-raisers will go towards the Youth Gathering in Detroit in 2015. The shirts will be red with blue writing and sizes will range from YM – Adult XXL. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the churches. Please include your name and size – cost of each shirt is \$15. Shirt orders will be taken through June 1.

**The God Squad is available for helping with some spring time cleaning chores:** Raking up leaves/ picking up sticks and indoor/outdoor spring cleaning. Please contact Collette Christensen, Ashley Steffens, Heather Grau, Makenna Christensen, Noah Gronewold, Katie Banowetz or Beth Tulley if interested.

**The CALCO is serving brunch today from 7:00 – 12:30.**

## This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 am. -	SS/AC at Our Savior's Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
Wednesday	3:30-5:30 -	Vacation Bible School at Faith Church
	8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Friday	9:30 a.m. -	Naomi Circle at Janice Berger's
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:25 am. -	SS/AC at Our Savior's Church
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

<b>Faith:</b> Worship Attendance, May 4 .....	78
Offering, Sunday, May 4 .....	\$N/A
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget .....	\$1,976.00

### **Our Savior's:**

Worship Attendance, May 4 .....	39
Sunday School Attendance, May 4 .....	24
Adult Class Attendance, May 4 .....	27

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