

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Time after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

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

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138

(* Please stand if you are able.)

GATHERING

**Please stand.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love

freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends us the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: "I Come with Joy" – Hymn 482**

***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, let us pray to the Lord. – pages 138-139**

C: "Lord, have mercy."

***🎵 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: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants, Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

First Reading from Exodus 16:2-15

L: A reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they

said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

**O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

**Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.**

He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

**They asked, and he brought quails,
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.**

He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

**For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.**

So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

**He gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,**
that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.
Praise the LORD!

Second reading from Philippians 1:21-30

L: A reading from Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand.*

*** ♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia..."** – page 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Bill Runaas

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Silence for reflection.

You may remain seated during the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "What is This Place "– Hymn 524

**Please stand.*

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: Using the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our holy faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(Each petition ends: P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.)

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share a sign of Christ's peace with one another and be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

**Please stand.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

C: God of life,

You give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Light. 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

***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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

You may be seated.

COMMUNION

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 668: "O Zion, Haste"

Hymn 669: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

**Please stand.*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG: "How Great Thou Art"– Hymn 856**

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God!

Ring 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. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available during Holy Communion. Please indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. We invite you to return and worship with us again.

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: Yogi Braet, Darcy Aune, Craig Henning, June Reimers, Janice Berger, Andrea Shelton, Nan Anderson, Monique Bachelder, George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Will Wade, Chris Forret, Dan Montgomery, Mary Ann Washburn Stuedemann, Lauren Dudley, Ethan Friedrich, Scott Fisher, Elizabeth Goddard, Scott McConnell, Vicki Sharp; For the homebound: Geneva Meadows, Bus Seastrand, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Alice Schroeder, Geri Schutt, Bob Barnard and Myrna Kay Petersen; and for Brian Holmes, grandson of Clara Wilhelm, who is serving his third deployment to Mosul, Iraq.

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

Pastor: Rev. William Runaas, Jr.
Pianist: Faith: Rachel Boussetot
Organist: Our Savior's: Jason Boussetot
Altar Ministry: Faith: Brian and Deb Tulley
Greeter: Faith: Diane Christensen
Acolytes: Faith: Sara Tulley
Our Savior's: Brendan Olson
Lectors: Faith: Diane Christensen
Our Savior's: Cindy Burke
Ushers: Faith: Brittany Hoffmann, Eric Hoffmann
Diane Sievers, Lonny Sievers
Our Savior's: Art Boussetot, Mark Olson
Cleaners: Our Savior's: Jason and Chad Boussetot

Calamus Lutheran Parish will take a special collection to help those affected by the recent hurricanes. If you would like to give, please make checks payable to the church, noting that it is for the **Hurricane Relief Fund**. If paying cash, please put it in an envelope and mark that it is for this relief fund. Put your donation in the offering plate or bring it into the church office.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Response - United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. These donations help provide immediate and long-lasting support.

The annual CROP Walk is Sunday, October 1. Walkers meet at the Activity Center in Wheatland at 12:30 p.m. The walk starts at 1:00 p.m. Together we can help stomp out hunger locally and around the world. We will be doing a special collection on October 1 during church.

This Week At A Glance

Today 8:00 a.m. - Worship Service at Faith Church
 9:25 a.m. - Sunday School/Adult Class at Our Savior's
 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - Confirmation class at Faith

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Worship Service at Faith Church
 9:25 a.m. - Sunday School/Adult Class at Our Savior's
 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
 12:30 p.m. - CROP Walk in Wheatland

Faith:

Worship Attendance, September 17, 201751
Offering, September 17, 2017.....\$2134.00
Needed weekly to meet budget.....\$2,182.00

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, September 17, 2017.....30

Sunday School Attendance, September 17, 2017..... 32
God Squad Attendance, September 17, 2017.....5
Adult Class Attendance, September 17, 2017.....17

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