CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 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 Ringing 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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P: Dave and Tammy Olive have come to us by transfer of membership and desire their membership into our community of faith.

Congregation President, Colette Christensen: We welcome you as members of Faith Church to join with us in worshiping God, hearing his Word and sharing his supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

HOLY BAPTISM (See Insert)

*GATHERING SONG: Baptized and Set Free – Hymn 453

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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 5:27—32

L: A reading from Acts.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150 (*To be read responsively by whole verse*)

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4—8

L: A reading from Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* J GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia. Lord, to whom..." – page 142

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19—31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY: We Walk by Faith – Hymn 635

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Each petition ends with P: Hear us, O God.

C:Your mercy is great.)

*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:
- **戊 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.

COMMUNION

□"Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 638: Blessed Assurance

Hymn 763: My Life Flows On in Endless Song Hymn 855: Crown Him with Many Crowns Hymn 836: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen

*SENDING SONG: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing – Hymn 389

*DISMISSAL:

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

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Organist: Our Savior's: Linda Whitman

Faith: Jason Bousselot

Altar Ministry: Faith: Dave and Terri Bousselot

Greeter: Faith: Brenda Christensen

Acolyte: Our Savior's: Drake Olson

Faith: Katie Banowetz (CA), Caleb Banowetz

Lectors: Our Savior's:

Faith: Ashley Steffens

Communion Assistant:

Our Savior's:

Faith: Ashley Steffens

Ushers: Our Savior's:

Faith: Mark Witte, Gary Braet,

Dirk Braet, Brian Tulley

Cleaners: Our Savior's:

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 served by tables. 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.

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 (Darin Doerscher's, sister who is having her second open heart surgery), Judy Paulsen (Deb Tulley's mother), Arlene Green, DeeAnn Cheney, Candice Ogden (friend of Diane Christensen) Richard Johnson (Diane Sievers' dad), 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 (Diane Christensen's nephew serving in Afghanistan), 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. There is a class for everyone 3 years and older. Please join us.

This morning, **Julian Joseph Olive-Speer**, son of Emily Olive and Patrick Speer, is received in to the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Julian's sponsors are Dave and Tammy Olive. Dave and Tammy are also welcomed as new members of Faith Church. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Julian, Dave and Tammy!

There is no Outreach Committee meeting on Tuesday. Please check with Marsha Witte to know if the Education Committee is meeting.

Confirmation Class resumes Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church.

Worship Committee meets at Our Savior's at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Joint Council meets on Thursday at Our Savior's at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations are needed by this Friday, April 12 for those planning on attending the Bible study at Squiers Manor next Friday, April 19. Please notify Jeannene Bousselot if you plan to attend.

A **Pre-marital Counseling session** will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday at Faith Church.

The Luther League is meeting next Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran, Bliedorn – lunch will be provided. Discussion will be held on participating in the Juvenile Diabetes Walk.

The Noisy Offering will be collected next Sunday, April 14. The offering this year is designated for Messiah Lutheran Church in Parlin, New Jersey – an area suffering much damage from Hurricane Sandy. Pastor Nancy Nardi is serving as pastor at Messiah Lutheran.

This Week At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m 9:25 a.m 10:30 a.m	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith Worship Service at Faith Church
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Tuesday	7:00 p.m	Committee Night at Our Savior's Church
Wednesday	7:00 p.m	Confirmation Class at Faith Church
Thursday	6:00 p.m	Worship Committee at Our Savior's
	7:30 p.m	Joint Council at Our Savior's Church
Saturday	9:00 a.m	Premarital Counseling at Faith Church
Sunday	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
	12:30 p.m	Luther League at St. John Lutheran

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, March 31	104
Seder Meal Attendance	
Maundy Thursday Attendance	52
Faith: Worship Attendance, March 31	140
Offering, Sunday, March 24	\$2,531.75
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$1,808.00
Good Friday Attendance	77

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Parish Photo Directory

Faith and Our Savior's Churches are preparing to update the Parish Directory. You may choose one of two options for including your photo in the directory. Please submit photos by March 31.

1. Send a photo and Contact Information to Dan Burke at dburke@gmtel.net. By providing a photo and sharing your contact information, you are allowing the Parish to include the photo and contact information in the Parish directory and Parish website. Please only submit photos to which you have the copyright and are allowed to freely reproduce.

2.

3. Place a photo and Contact Information in the basket near the Ushers' table at either church. By providing a photo and sharing your contact information, you are allowing the Parish to include the photo and contact information in the Parish directory and Parish website. Please only submit photos to which you have the copyright and are allowed to freely reproduce.

Contact Information includes the following.

Name of Family

Mailing Address

Main Phone Number

Names of people in photo

Email Address

If you have any questions, please contact one of these committee members. Jason Bousselot Dan Burke Shane Glover Terri Bousselot