

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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

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: Steven and Megan Berger 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 worshipping 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:** *Shall We Gather at the River* – Hymn 423

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16:9—15

L: A reading from Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 67 *(To be read responsively by whole verse)*

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

L: A reading from Revelation.

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: *When Peace Like a River – Hymn 785

🎵 ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

O God of Love, O King of Peace – Hymn 749

***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**

***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 774: *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

Hymn 790: *Day by Day*

Hymn 779: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

***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: *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* – Hymn 763**

*DISMISSAL:

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2013 Augsburg Fortress

Organist: Our Savior's: Linda Whitman

Faith: Jason Bousselot

Choir Director: Diane Christensen

Altar Ministry: Faith: Ruth Braet & Annette Braet

Greeter: Faith: Clara Wilhelm

Acolyte: Our Savior's: Alec Olson

Faith: Caleb Carpenter (CA), Beth Tulley

Lectors: Our Savior's: Kay Olson

Faith: Doreen Henning

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 McMahon, 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.

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.

Those to keep in prayer this week: For the family of Judy Paulsen (Deb Tulley's mother) who died this week; For all those who are ill: Kristi Reed, Judy Paulsen, 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. There is a class for everyone 3 years and older. Please join us.

This morning Stephen and Meagen Berger are welcomed as members of Faith Church. **Zander Berger**, son of Steven Berger and Amber Berger, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, is welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Zander's sponsors are Andrew Berger and Andrew Hesse. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Steven, Meagan and Zander!

Mark Your Calendars:

MAY 12: In order to accommodate the families of the Confirmation students, changes are being made in our Sunday School and Worship schedules. The last day of Sunday School will be May 12.

Summer Schedule Begins:

MAY 19 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.

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.

Calamus Lions Blood Drive, Thursday, May 9, 2:30 - 6:00 at Calco. Sign up by calling Paul Ketelsen at 563-357-0064 or online at www.bloodcenterimpact.org.

This Week At A Glance

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

Worship Attendance, April 28 75

Faith: Worship Attendance, April 28..... 56

Offering, Sunday, April 28 \$1,864.00

Needed Weekly to Meet Budget \$1,808.00

Sunday School Attendance, April 28..... 32

Adult Class Attendance, April 28 15

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