

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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

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(* Please stand if you are able)

***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: *Chief of Sinners Though I Be* – Hymn 609**

*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: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHOIR: "Get All Excited to See the King! by Patti Drennan

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann – Noisy Offering

WORD

First Reading: Acts 7:55—60

L: A reading from Acts.

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1—5, 15—16 (*To be read responsively*)

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

**Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.**

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

**take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me,
O LORD, faithful God.

**My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2—10

L: A reading from 1 Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who

called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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 fourteenth chapter.

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

Gospel: John 14:1—14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON – Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Day by Day – Hymn 790

***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

***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 838: *Beautiful Savior*

Hymn 483: *Here Is Bread*

Hymn 856: *How Great Thou Art*

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

*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: *You Are Mine* – Hymn 581

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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

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.

Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Boussetot
Organist:	Our Savior's:	Jason Boussetot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	Dave and Terri Boussetot
Greeter:	Faith:	Rusty Porth
Acolyte:	Faith:	Anne Tulley (CA), Beth Tulley
	Our Savior's:	Maia Glover
Lector:	Faith:	Rusty Porth
	Our Savior's:	Deb Detlefs
Communion Assistant:		
	Faith:	Marsha Witte
	Our Savior's:	Katrina Harkness
Ushers:	Faith:	Shirley Ferguson, Ruth Braet, Judy McMahon, Andrea Shelton
	Our Savior's:	David Olson, Joe Morehead
Cleaners:	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.

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 the family of Dana Jacobsen who passed away this week, 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.

The **Noisy Offering** will be collected this morning. The Calamus Wheatland School District is the recipient of the Noisy Offering and other special service donations with the request from the councils that the monies be earmarked for the Nutrition and Health of the students.

Brynlee Mae Sean, daughter of William and Meghan Berger, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 24. Brynlee's sponsors were Zach Brown and Shelbey Koester. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Brynlee.

Lydia Circle will meet Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Marilyn Malmanger. Marilyn will also lead the Bible study.

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

The **God Squad** will meet Wednesday at Faith at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Faith Church.

<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Schedule Begins Next Sunday May 25 8:00 Worship – Faith Church 9:30 Worship – Our Savior's Church</p>

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.

Audrey Witte is now living at Westwing Place, 1118 11th Street, Stop #1, DeWitt, IA 52742.

Malinda Malmanger's new address is 320 E. Lincolnway #106, Wheatland IA 52777.

Michelle Kanzake will graduate today from Wartburg Seminary – the commencement exercise will be held at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph The Worker Church, 2001 Saint Joseph St., Dubuque. If you cannot be present, she asks you to be with her in prayer.

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	2:00 p.m. -	Lydia Circle at Marilyn Malmanger's
	3:30-5:30 -	Vacation Bible School at Faith Church
	6:30 p.m. -	God Squad meets at Faith Church
	7:30 p.m. -	Women's Bible Study at Faith Church
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
	9:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church

Faith: Worship Attendance, May 11	102
Offering, Sunday, May 11	\$1,608.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$1,976.00

Vacation Bible School Attendance, May 14..... 66

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, May 11 41

Sunday School Attendance, May 11 N/A

Adult Class Attendance, May 11 N/A

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