

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Time after Pentecost

September 14, 2014

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

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***GATHERING HYMN: *O God beyond All Praising* – Hymn 797**

***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.

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

***SCRIPTURE SONG: ♪ "*Salvation belongs to our God...*" page 47**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 50:15--21

L: A reading from Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1—13 (*To be read responsively*)

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits--**

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

**The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Second Lesson: Romans 14:1—2

L: A reading from Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ♪ *"Word of life, ..." – page 48*

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21—35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Seminarian Martha Harrison

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY: *When Long Before Time – Hymn 799

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our 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**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything is new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known
and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your
Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the
honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace)

PRAYER

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

***OFFERTORY** – *(Use Season after Pentecost – 3rd line)* – page 50

♪ "Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth,
yours the anointing, the radiant worth..."

P: Let us pray.

God our Creator,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***THE PRAYERS** *(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God.*

C: Your mercy is great.

***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.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory,
Jesus Christ our peace,
and the Spirit of truth,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision – Hymn 776

*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2014 Augsburg
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Organist:	Our Savior's:	Jason Bousselot
Pianist:	Faith:	Rachel Bousselot
Altar Ministry:	Faith:	David and Terri Bousselot
Greeter:	Faith:	Terri Bousselot
Acolyte:	Our Savior's:	Chase Knoche
	Faith:	Ethan Wilhelm
Lector:	Our Savior's:	Marcia Edens
	Faith:	Jeannene Bousselot
Ushers:	Our Savior's:	David Olson, Joe Morehead
	Faith:	David Bousselot, Terri Bousselot, Hannah Perrone, Garrette Perrone
Cleaners:	Our Savior's:	Brian Bousselot

This morning, we welcome Seminarian Martha Harrison. Martha is in her senior year at Wartburg Seminary and served this past year as intern at St. John, Bliedorn. Welcome, Martha.

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 Cathy Goddard, Kristi Reed, Candice Ogden, Claire Wallace, Julie Coopman, Nancy Schebler, Tom Wright, Caleb May, Josie Watham, Alex Luedtke, Nancy Ramige, Audrey Witte, Signe Rock, 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 for all those three years of age and above. Please join us at 9:25 a.m. at Faith Church.

**Parish Fishing, Swimming & Cook-Out
This Afternoon, September 14**

Doug Bousset's Pond - 1731 – 280th Street, Calamus



Fun starts at 3:00 p.m. - Supper at 5:30 p.m.



Bring something to grill and a dish to share – lemonade will be provided, as well as a lawn chair - you might want to bring swim suits or clothes to change into and anyone can bring their fishing poles and bait.

Restroom facilities on grounds.



(Directions to the pond: Turn left from OS parking lot on to Y52/190th Avenue; turn right on first road to the right – 265th Street; turn left on first road to the left – 178th Ave; turn right on first road to right – 280th Street – pond on left side of road)

The request for an additional Sunday School teacher has been filled: **Rebecca Hurt** has volunteered to teach grades Two/Three with Teisha Jacobi.

Choir Rehearsal begins this Wednesday, September 17, at 8:00 p.m. at Faith. Some great voices singing in the congregation – come join us in the choir!

Reminder for Naomi Circle: Circle has been postponed until next Friday, September 26, 9:30 a.m. at Marsha Witte's. Jeannene Bousset will lead the Bible study.

The **Noisy Offering** will be received next Sunday.

At A Glance

Today	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
	9:25 a.m. -	Sunday School/AC/God Squad at Faith
	10:30 a.m. -	Worship Service at Faith Church
Wednesday	3:00 p.m. -	Parish Cook Out/Fishing at Pond
	8:00 p.m. -	Choir Rehearsal at Faith Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Worship Service at Our Savior's Church
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Offering, Sunday, September 7 \$2,249.53

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