

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Time after Pentecost

September 17, 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

***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: "*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*" – Hymn 520**

***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.

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 from Exodus 14:19-31

L: A reading from Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

Judah became God's sanctuary,

Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled;

Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams,

the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?

O Jordan, that you turn back?

O mountains, that you skip like rams?

O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

who turns the rock into a pool of water,

the flint into a spring of water.

Second reading from Romans 14:1-12

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: "Alleluia..." – page 142**

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Bill Runaas
Noisy Offering

SERMON – Pastor Bill Runaas
Silence for reflection

You may remain seated for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Our Father, We Have Wandered "–

Hymn 606

***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.

MEAL

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

***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.

COMMUNION

🎵 "Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 359: "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Hymn 482: "*I Come with Joy*"

***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: "*My Children, with my Blessing*"— Hymn 543**

***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.

Pianist: Faith: Rachel Bousselot
Organist: Our Savior's: Linda Whitman
Altar Ministry: Faith: Brian and Deb Tulley
Greeter: Faith: Andrea Shelton
Acolytes: Faith: Sara Tulley
Our Savior's: Brendan Olson
Lectors: Faith: Andrea Braet
Our Savior's: Brian Bousselot
Communion Assistants:
Faith: Terri Bousselot
Our Savior's: Cindy Burke
Ushers: Faith: Brittany Hoffmann, Eric Hoffmann
Diane Sievers, Lonny Sievers
Our Savior's: Art Bousselot, Mark Olson
Cleaners: Our Savior's: Jason and Chad Bousselot

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. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support.

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
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Craig Nesson at Faith
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class at Faith
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice 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

NOTE: All members of Faith and Our Savior's are encouraged to attend the meeting with Rev. Dr. Craig Nesson on **Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m.** at Faith Church. The discussion will be on **Ministry of the Future.**

Reminder: Pastor Solveig Zamzow is celebrating the 25th anniversary of her ordination on Sunday, September 24. Well wishes may be sent to Pastor Zamzow in care of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 308 4th Avenue, P.O. Box 282, Grafton, Iowa 50440

October newsletter items are due in the church office tomorrow.
Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10:30 – 2:30.

Faith:

Worship Attendance, September 10, 2017.....	60
Offering, September 10, 2017.....	\$909.00
Needed weekly to meet budget.....	\$2,182.00

Our Savior's:

Worship Attendance, September 10, 2017.....	30
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Sunday School Attendance, September 10, 2017.....	33
God Squad Attendance, September 10, 2017.....	7
Adult Class Attendance, September 10, 2017.....	15

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