

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

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

CHOIR: (at Our Savior's)

"The Prayer" with "Lead Us, Lord"by Sager and Foster; arr. by Fettke

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3, page 138

GATHERING

** Please stand if you are able.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the water of life.

P: We give thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain, and snow, and for our daily water needs.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

P: We give thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: We give thanks for your salvation through water.

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C: We give thanks for the life of all the baptized.

P: We give thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG:**

"Shall We Gather at the River"— Hymn 423

***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 God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

You may be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

L: A reading from Acts.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD,

and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord,

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying that he has done it.

Second reading from 1 John 4:7-21

L: A reading from 1st John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the

Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

**Please stand.*

*** 🎵 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia..." – page 142**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** John 15:1-8**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are

gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Bill Runaas

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You may remain seated for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"– Hymn 810

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM *(See Insert)*

**Please stand.*

***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.

Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

**Please stand.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. 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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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: Now let us feast this Easter Day on Christ, the bread of Heaven.

Hallelujah!

You may be seated.

COMMUNION

♪ "Lamb of God..." – page 146

Hymns Sung During Distribution:

Hymn 471: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Hymn 482: "I Come with Joy"

**Please stand.*

***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: Life-giving God,

In the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG:**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" – Hymn 543

***DISMISSAL:**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

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.

There is a Sunday School class for all those three years of age and above. Please join us at 9:25 a.m. at Our Savior's Church.

Those to keep in prayer this week: For Hailey Glover, who is Affirming her Baptism today at Our Savior's; For: Barb Johnson, Chris Morehead, Bruce Aune, Shirley Emmert, Yogi Braet, Norman Bousset, Lois Wessels, June Reimers, Andrea Shelton, George Tulley, Dennis Pewe, Will Wade, Chris Forret, Lauren Dudley, Scott Fisher, Ethan Friedrich, Vicki Sharp; For the homebound: Geneva Meadows, Bus Seastrand, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, Bob Barnard, and Myrna Kay Petersen.

Pastor: Rev. William Runaas, Jr.
Pianist: Faith: Rachel Boussselot
Organist: Our Savior's: Jason Boussselot
Altar Ministry: Faith: Ruth Braet and Annette Braet
Greeter: Faith: Dirk Braet
Acolytes: Faith: Collin Grau
 Our Savior's: Noelle Steines
Lectors: Faith: Diane Christensen
 Our Savior's: Amy Glover
Communion Assistants:
 Faith: Ruth Braet
 Our Savior's: Brian Boussselot
Ushers: Faith: Ruth Braet, Donna Petersen
 Joyce Sands, Ashley Steffens
 Our Savior's: Joe Morehead, Brian Boussselot
Cleaners: Our Savior's: Jason & Chad Boussselot

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First Communion

First Communion classes will be offered on Tuesday, May 1, and Thursday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at Faith.

If you or your child would like to take part in the First Communion class, please contact the church office at 563-246-2622.
First Communion will be held on Sunday, May 6, at both churches.

T-Shirts

During the month of April, God Squad will be selling “Calamus Lutheran Parish” T -Shirts. Cost is \$10.00 for one or two for \$15.00.
Sizes are Youth Med. and Adult Sm. Med. Lg. X-Lg.
Proceeds will buy items for the Cal/Wheat School Supply Drive.

Sign up to help at **Bible School** on the first three Mondays in May.
Sign-up sheets are in the narthex at Faith and at the back of the church at Our Savior’s.

School Supply Drive

During the month of May, the God Squad and the Youth of CLP will be collecting school supplies to donate to the Cal/Wheat School.
There will be a list of items needed and a basket to put them in at both churches. Please help out the kids if you can.

Norman Bousselot is planning to be on a Veterans Honor Flight to Washington D.C on May 15. The veterans are surprised with notes of thanks from friends and family on the return flight to Cedar Rapids. If you would like to write a note to Norm, drop it off in the church office and the Bousselot family will see that it is included in the surprise “mail call.”

This Week At A Glance **Week starting April 29**

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
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – “Coffee & a Little Jesus” at Heather Grau’s
	6:30 p.m. – First Communion Class at Faith
Thursday	6:30 p.m. – First Communion Class 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

Faith:

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Our Savior’s:

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