CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - 8:00 a.m. Faith Lutheran Church - 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace – the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

Welcome in Jesus' name. We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. We invite you to return and worship with us again. 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.

Safety protocols remain in place to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. Please wear a face covering during worship and stay a safe distance from others.

An offering plate will not be passed. Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the church.

As we return to the use of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) after a year, there are notes included in the bulletin about the pattern of worship. You will be asked to use the worship book more. Less will be printed in the bulletin.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

The **liturgy** is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages. The **hymns** begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.

Prelude Ringing of the Bell Welcome and Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Please stand as you are able. **Confession and Forgiveness** (pages 94-96)

Gathering Hymn:

Greeting (page 138)

Kyrie (pages 138-139; spoken responsively)

♫ Canticle of Praise: "This is the feast..." (pages 140-141)

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

L: A reading from Acts.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Second reading: 1 John 3:16-24

L: A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister^[a] in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.
Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" (page 142)

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

Children's Sermon – Pastor Roberta

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You may remain seated for the hymn, the creed, and the prayers. **Hymn of the Day:** "The King of Love My Shepheard Is" Hymn 502

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (page 104)

Prayers of Intercession

(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Presentation of the Gifts

Please stand as you are able. Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (page 144; spoken responsively)

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: ♫ "Holy, holy, holy Lord..." (page 144)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (page 145) *You may be seated.*

Communion

↓ "Lamb of God..." (page 146)

All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing. Proceed forward at a safe distance from others. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.

Hymn during distribution: "Day by Day" Hymn 790

Please stand as you are able. Post Communion Blessing Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need" Hymn 782 Dismissal P: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Ringing of the Bell Postlude

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Pastor: Rev. Roberta Pierce Organist: Our Savior's: Jason Bousselot, Linda Whitman Pianist: Faith: Rachel Bousselot Acolytes: Our Savior's: Ryan Olson Next month: David Burke Faith: Tyson Steffens Next month: Peyton Grau Lectors: Our Savior's: Amy Glover Faith: Shelley Gentile Communion Assistants: Our Savior's: Dan Burke Next month: Cindy Burke Faith: Ruth Braet Next month: Marsha Witte Ushers: Our Savior's: Neil Holmquist Next month: Dan Burke Faith: Donna Petersen and Ashley Steffens Next month: Brian Tulley and Mark Witte Altar Ministry: Faith: Ruth Braet and Annette Braet Next month: Mark and Marsha Witte Cleaners: Our Savior's: Deb and Ray Detlefs Next month:

If anyone is interested in **First Communion Classes** for their children, please call the church office or talk to Pastor Roberta or Secretary Rebecca.

Those to keep in prayer this week: the residents and staff at Maggie's House, Neil Mason, Ole Olson, Betty Schau, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Barb Johnson, George Tulley, and Vicki Sharp; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, Joan Shelton, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and those

serving in the military.

Bible School will be the first four Mondays in May! There is a sign-up sheet in the back of each church for adults and teens to volunteer as helpers on May 3, 10, 17, and 24. Cash assistance is requested to buy individual snacks

for the children. Monetary donations may be dropped off in the church office. There will be a **Bible School staff meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April, 26, at Faith.**

This Week At A Glance Week starting April 25

Today	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's	
-	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith	
	10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith	
Monday	6:00 p.m. – Bible School staff meeting at Faith	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. – Confirmation at Faith	
Sunday	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior's	
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