



*Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.*

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 13 and

Monday, October 14, 2024



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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INVOCATION

P Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
(Matthew 28:18-20)

We begin our worship as we began our Christian life, through Holy Baptism, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P “God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” *(John 4:24)* And, “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. *(Proverbs 28:13)* Therefore, let us confess and renounce our sins with a sincere heart and mind before the Lord, receiving His Almighty, Divine, and Eternal forgiveness.

*(A moment of silence
for personal confession and reflection.)*

P We confess:

C **God forgive me, a sinner. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our**

whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*) “Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him, and in whose spirit is no deceit. (*Based on Psalm 32:1, 2*) By this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and by the command and in the stead of the Lord Jesus Christ, (*John 20:22-23; Matthew 16:19 NIV*) I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you. (*Matthew 9:2 KJV*) Now, go and live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with real repentance. (*Ephesians 4:1*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“White As Snow”

White as snow, white as snow,
though my sins were as Scarlet,
Lord I know, Lord I know that I'm clean and forgiven.
Through the power of Your blood,
through the wonder of Your love.
Through faith in You I know that I can be,
White as snow.
(Repeat)

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 90:12-17 ESV

P 12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

C 13 **Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!**

P 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

C 15 **Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

P 16 Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

C 17 **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!**



CATECHISM REVIEW

Holy Baptism - Second

P *What benefits does Baptism give?*

C **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

P *Which are these words and promises of God?*

C **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)**

✘ **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD** ✘

P “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.

C **“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”** (*Romans 15:4-6*)

OLD TESTAMENT

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 ESV

⁶ Seek the Lord and live,
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the earth!

¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore because you trample
on the poor

and you exact taxes of grain from
him,

you have built houses of hewn
stone,

but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant
vineyards,

but you shall not drink their wine.

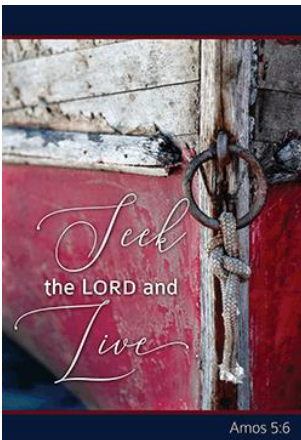
¹² For I know how many are your
transgressions

and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.

¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in
such a time, for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
as you have said.



¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

- P** “The grass withers and the flowers fall,
C **“but the Word of God stands forever.”** (*Isaiah 40:8*)

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:12-19 ESV

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as
in the rebellion.”

¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

- P** “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you received from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men,
C **“but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”** (*1 Thess. 2:13-14*)



MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever
'Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross, a trembling soul
Love and mercy found me
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed His beams around me

Refrain

Near the cross, O Lamb of God
Bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me

Refrain

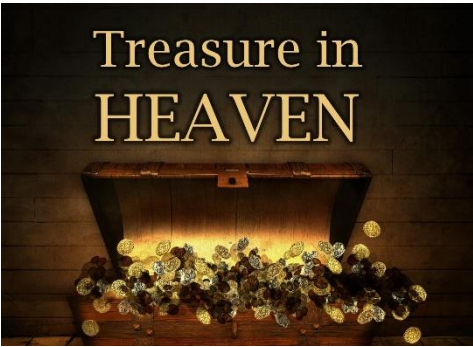
Near the cross, I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever
'Til I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river,
Refrain (sing twice)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-22 ESV

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness,

Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.”²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.



- P** “As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, ‘Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.’
- C** “He replied, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God, and obey it.’” (Luke 11:27-28)

SERMON HYMN

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

LSB #524



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build My
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

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✘ **SERMON** ✘

✘ **THE APOSTLES' CREED** ✘

✘ **WE BRING OUR FIRSTFRUITS TO THE LORD** ✘

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

LSB #806

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks_____ be - cause He's giv - en___ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks_____ be - cause He's giv - en___
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"_____ Be - cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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✠ THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER ✠

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER ✠

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

✠ THE BENEDICTION ✠

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Glory Be to God the Father”

LSB #506



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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Sunday: Deuteronomy 11:26 – 12:12;
Matthew 12:22-37

Monday: Deuteronomy 12:13-32;
Matthew 12:38-50

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 13:1-18;
Matthew 13:1-23

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28 – 15:15;
Matthew 13:24-43

Thursday: Deuteronomy 15:19 – 16:22; Matthew 13:44-58

Friday: Deuteronomy 17:1-20; Matthew 14:1-21

Saturday: Deuteronomy 18:1-22; Matthew 14:22-36

FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Gary Baumann Bob Burish Cheryl Dahlke
Doris Dahlke Rodney Dahlke Steve Dahlke
Alice Fromm Wallace Emmerich
Angie Harkner Emma Hein Dale Janisch
Cecelia & Lucille Klade Emily Klug
Rob Koebe Bruce Krenz Ron Lang Debbie Olson
Mark Pester Edgar Pfaff Marge Radenz Karen Rajek
Jo Schedler Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling
Carl Uttech Philip Vogel Deb Wiederhoeft
Susie and Ellie Zastrow



**ST. JOHN'S
NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**
Looking for updated pictures and
contact information for all St.
John' members and their families.
Please check your church
mailboxes for more information.

Circuit Reformation Service

October 30 at 6:30 p.m.

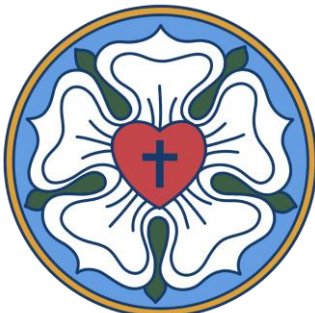
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*If interested in joining the
Circuit Vocal Choir, contact*

Sharon Voight at Faith or

Miriam Lipke

at St. John – Merrill.



REFORMATION SERVICE



SIGN UP SHEETS are in the back of church for help with the Pancake Dinner and Bake Sale on October 20.



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, October 13 *LWML SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S*

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

9:30 a.m. Bible Study at St John's

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

12:15 p.m. Stewardship and Evangelism Meeting at Faith

Monday, October 14

5:30 p.m. Choir at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting at Faith

Wednesday, October 16

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, October 17

6:30 p.m. Adult Information Classes at St. John's

Sunday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

9:30 a.m. Bible Study at St John's

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pancake Dinner at Faith

Monday, October 21

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Wednesday, October 23

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, October 24

6:30 p.m. Adult Information Classes at St. John's



If anyone has EYE GLASSES AND/OR CASES that are no longer used, there is a Lion's Eye Glass Bucket in the coat room, All glasses and cases can be put in the bucket. Any questions, contact Beth (715-574-0190) or Leon Bartelt (715-574-1261) of the Maine Lion's Club.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
at St. John's.

For more information talk with Pastor Love. All are welcome to join the class.



FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISERS

St. John's will be hosting Fellowship several times a month beginning October 27. Funds raised will go to Hurricane Relief.

FALL SPORTS ARE IN FULL SWING!! Whether you are cheering for the Badgers, Packers, Brewers and/or your favorite high school teams, don't forget your tailgating and celebration supplies whether at home or away. It's also time to remember those supplies for fall harvest or yard work. Pick up scrip for all your household needs. Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program. ... *All without it costing you an extra penny!*



FALL EVENTS

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 N1660 Leafy Grove Rd, Merrill
Luncheon and Craft and Bake Sale
Sunday, October 13
 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Adults \$8 Kids \$4

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
 1104 E. Third Street, Merrill
Church Bazaar, Craft and Bake Sale
Wednesday, October 16
 Begins at 9:00 a.m.
 Sandwich, Soup and Pie Luncheon
 Served from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Carryouts available – call 715-536-4722

4LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 N5302 Townhall Road and Highway 17, Gleason
Harvest Dinner
November 17

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Buffet of Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Squash, salads and desserts

Dine In, Carryout, Drive Through

Adults \$13 Child 6-12 \$7 5 and under Free





CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
N365 Cain Creek Road, Merrill
4th Annual Halloween Luminary Fest
October 18 and 19

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Family friendly fall fest and walk at dusk filled with jack-o-lanterns. Free will donation at entrance, Enjoy the walk, food and beverages, games, music, raffle baskets, campfire, bake sale and more!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for your generous sacrificial offerings to the Lord, to help us keep our ministry going. You can also mail your offerings to Our Churches at

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

15425 County Road K South
Merrill, WI 54452

or

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

134058 County Road L
Athens, WI 54411

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Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at Pastor's (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith Lutheran Merrill Facebook Page <https://faithmerrill.webs.com/>



All You Can Eat
PANCAKE DINNER and BAKE SALE

Sunday, October 20
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

*Homemade Potato Pancakes and Buttermilk
Pancakes served with
Scrambled Eggs and Breakfast Sausage*

Adults - \$10 Children 6-12 - \$4
5 years old and under – Free
Carryouts available

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