

As each has
received a gift,
employ it for
one another,
as good stewards
of God's varied
grace.

1 Peter 4:10

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG**

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 10 and

Monday, November 11, 2024

Mark 12:44 – “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the church in *proportion* to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to *sacrificial* giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That's the shape of true Christian generosity.



WELCOME VISITORS:

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray

that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.

Please **TURN OFF ALL CELLPHONES** before service begins. Phones that are on may interfere with transmission of the service to social media and shutting down your phone can help solve network connectivity problems.



♪♪ **Special Music** **Jeremy Fromm, Ed Stiver** ♪♪

OPENING SONG "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

*Lord, I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life.
I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way;
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave;
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.
(Repeat)*

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)

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 146

P Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my
being.

P³ Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

P⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,

C⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

P The Lord sets the prisoners free;

C⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

P⁹ The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the Lord!

CATECHISM REVIEW

Holy Baptism - Fourth

P *What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

C It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by
daily contrition and repentance be drowned and
die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new
man should daily emerge and arise to live before
God in righteousness and purity forever.

P *Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six:

C We were therefore buried with Him through
baptism into death in order that just as Christ was

raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

✘ 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

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, ⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

EPISTLE

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

- 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

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful?
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

“Lord of All Hopefulness” LSB #738

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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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

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,

*Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"*

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

*And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"*

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

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✠ 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

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

LSB #918

1 *Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.*

2 *Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

3 *When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.*

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Sunday: Jeremiah 23:1-20;
Matthew 25:14-30

Monday: Jeremiah 23:21-40;
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Jeremiah 25:1-18;
Matthew 26:1-19

Wednesday: Jeremiah 26:1-19; Revelation 13:1-18;
Matthew 26:20-35

Thursday: Jeremiah 29:1-19; Revelation 14:1-20;
Matthew 26:36-56

Friday: Jeremiah 30:1-24; Revelation 15:1-8;
Matthew 26:57-75

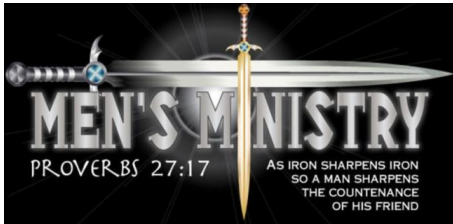
Saturday: Jeremiah 22:1-23; Matthew 25:1-13



**FAITH and ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

*Please remember the following in
your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Bob Burish
Doris Dahlke Rodney Dahlke
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Jo Schedler Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling
Carl Uttech Philip Vogel Deb Wiederhoeft
Susie and Ellie Zastrow



**Iron Sharpens Iron
Sunday,
November 10
4:30 p.m.
Czech's Cabin**



Special thanks to Bonnie Grueneberg and to Sara and Jeremy Lee for arranging the Ark Encounter Trip. All who travelled and went on the trip are grateful and enjoyed the events of the weekend.





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



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, November 10

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

4:30 p.m. ISI at Czech's Cabin

Monday, November 11

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting at Faith

Tuesday, November 12

6:00 p.m. Church Council at St John's

7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

Wednesday, November 13

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Sunday, November 17

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

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

Monday, November 18

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

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

Tuesday, November 19

6:00 p.m. Trustees' at Faith

Wednesday, November 20

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

6:00 p.m. Hunters' Meal at St. John's

6:30 p.m. Hunter's Worship Service at St. John's

Thursday, November 21

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

Hunters' Service at St. John's

Wednesday, November 20

Meal at 6:00 p.m.

Worship at 6:30 p.m.



Thanksgiving Service at Faith

Wednesday, November 27

Worship at 6:30 p.m.



Annual Fruit Sale 2024

All orders must be turned in by Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27. The fruit will be available for pick up at church on Friday, December 13 from 4-6 p.m.,

Saturday, December 14 from 8-10 a.m. and on Sunday morning, December 15. Please pay for fruit when it is picked up.

Order forms are available in the narthex of church at the Scrip table.

You may also order by contacting any of the youth group members.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Seidler at 715-203-5733. Members, family and friends of both congregations are welcome to order.



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.



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.

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING SOON! Be sure to pick up scrip cards for your holiday feasts and those special gifts for your 'naughty and nice' list. 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!*



FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISERS

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



FALL EVENT
LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
N5302 Townhall Road and Highway 17,
Gleason

Harvest Dinner on 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

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**Bear
fruit in
every
good
work.**