



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG**
Last Sunday of the Church Year
Sunday, November 24, 2024

Isaiah 51:6 – “*For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.*” The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

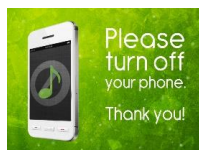


WELCOME VISITORS:

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.

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OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB #905

INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

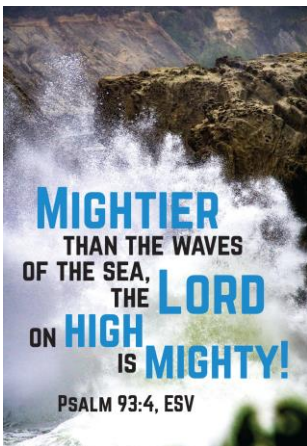
- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

*Silence for reflection on God's Word
and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD



PSALM 93

P ¹The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established;
it shall never be moved.

C ²Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

P ³The floods have lifted up, O

LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

C **⁴Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!**

P ⁵Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

GLORIA PATRI

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Sacrament of the Altar

P *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

C It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P *Where is this written?*

C The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

C These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

C Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

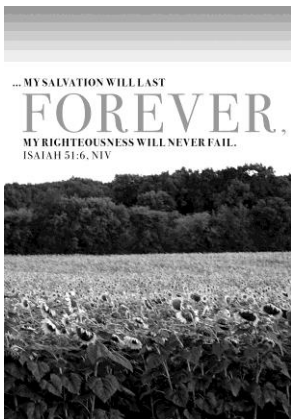
P *Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*

C Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:4–6

4“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the



peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a
garment,

and they who dwell in it will die in

like manner;

but my salvation will be forever,

and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

CHORAL ANTHEM *“In God, My Faithful God”*

EPISTLE

Jude 20–25

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.



GLORY
TO GOD

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey,

when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”



- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

LSB #525

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB #806

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

- ☐** 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.

BENEDICAMUS

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BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

LSB #832

Thanksgiving
Service at Faith
**Wednesday,
November 27**



Worship at 6:30 p.m.



Sunday: Daniel 4:1-37;
Revelation 21:1-8

Monday: Daniel 5:1-30;
Daniel 7: 1 – 8:27; Revelation 21:9-27

Tuesday: Daniel 6:1-28; Daniel 9:1-27; Revelation 22:1-21

Wednesday: Isaiah 1:1-28; 1 Peter 1:1-12

Thursday: Isaiah 2:1-22; Isaiah 3:1 – 4:6; 1 Peter 1:13-25

Friday: Isaiah 5:1-25; Amos 1:1 – 9:15; 1 Peter 2:1-12

Saturday: Isaiah 6:1 – 7:9; 1 Peter 2:13-25



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following in
your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Bob Burish

Alice Fromm Wallace Emmerich

Sally Hannemann Angie Harkner Emma Hein

Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade Rob Koebe

Bruce Krenz Ron Lang Karen Love 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.



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, November 24

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

Wednesday, November 27

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Faith

Sunday, December 1

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

Wednesday, December 4

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

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



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. Questions, call Terry at 715-203-5733.



Gifts for children: Tags will be available on Sunday, December 1 at Faith. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 15. For information, contact Bonnie Grueneberg

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Lunch will be served right after worship service at Faith followed by caroling to shut-ins on **Sunday, December 15.**

*Come along and help share the Christmas spirit.
Bring a friend!*



CHRISTMAS GIFTS for PINE CREST RESIDENTS

Pine Crest is asking for donation of Christmas presents and/or money which allows Pine Crest to give a gift to each resident. Items should be dropped off by Sunday, December 8 at Faith. A list of items can be found on the Scrip table in the back of church.





FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISERS

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

THANKSGIVING IS HERE and CHRISTMAS JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY!

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!*



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

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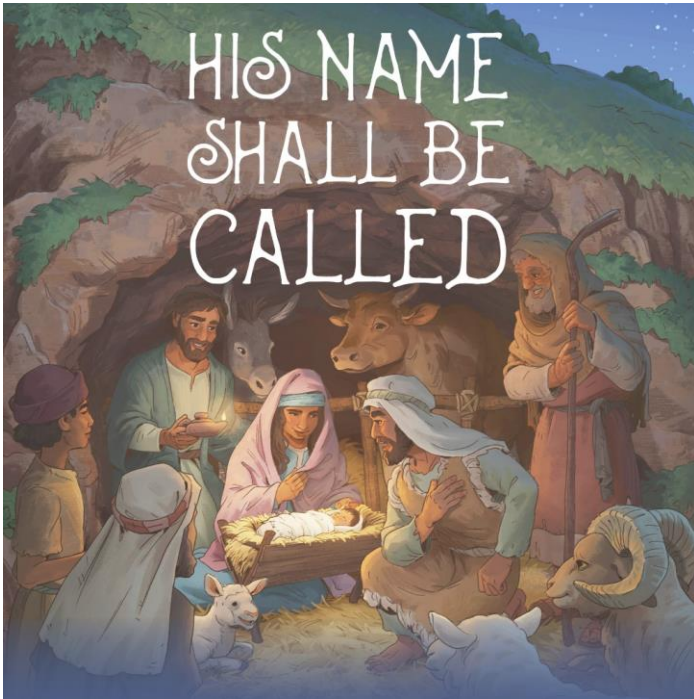
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2024 Advent Series

His Name Shall Be Called



During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of God's Son, who was given the name Jesus—a Hebrew name that means "God saves." In addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles which describe something about His person or work. In this year's Advent series, we are going to examine four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. Those titles are "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," and "Prince of Peace." We will learn how each of these titles describes something about who Jesus is and what He did for our salvation. **Wednesday Advent services begin on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith.**



Advent Tea

AT ST. JOHN

1104 E. Third Street – Merrill, WI

DECEMBER

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1-3PM

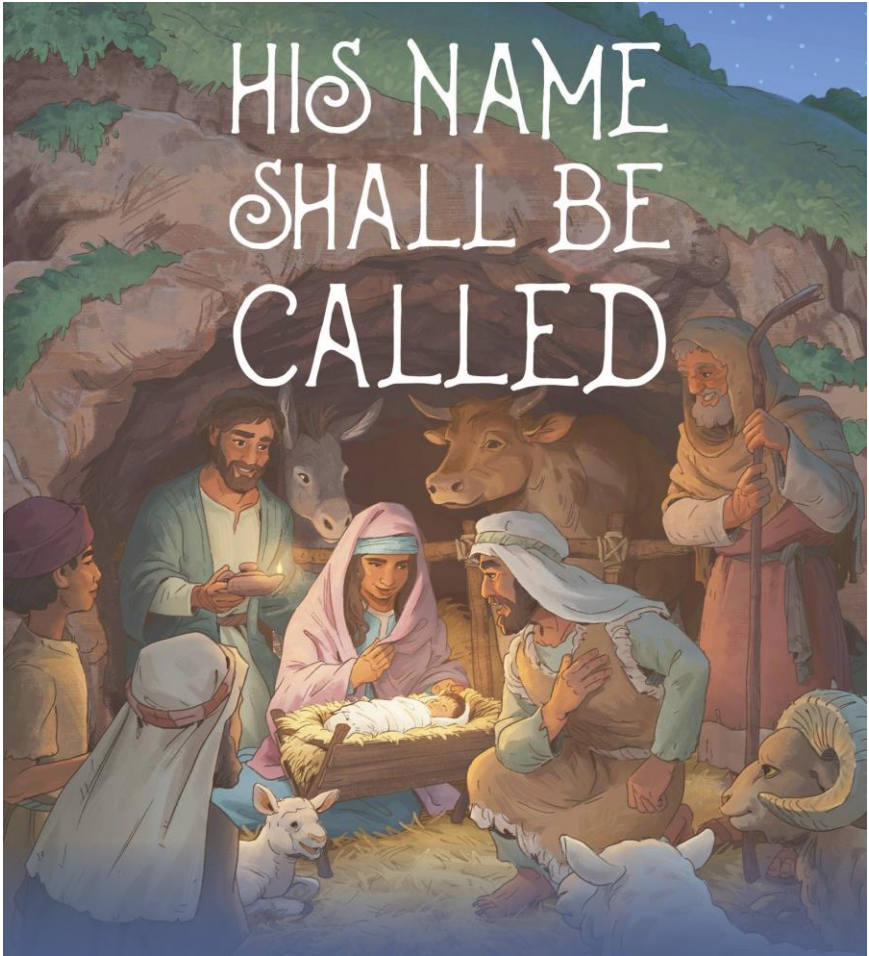
Tickets are \$15, available until December 1

• FOOD FELLOWSHIP MUSIC GOD'S WORD



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**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM**

Sunday morning, December 15

**DURING WORSHIP
SERVICES**