



*Come,
let us walk
in the light
of the LORD!*

ISAIAH 2:5, NRSV

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

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2025

8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Monday, January 20, 2025

6:30 p.m.

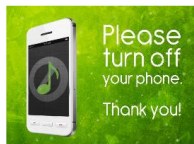
John 2:3 – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, ‘They have no wine.’” Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord: “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!



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.



RECEIVING THE HOLY COMMUNION. Because we deeply long to celebrate the Love of God and the true unity of teachings of God's Holy Scriptures we ask those who are not members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) to please make an appointment to meet with Pastor Love before communing with us. We respectfully do this not at all because we think that we are the only saved Christians, but because it is our Sacred Belief that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion gives a witness of unity in the major teachings and faith confessed by the congregation and Synod (1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:23-29; Romans 16:17). This Biblical and historical practice is called close(d) communion. Thank you for respecting our sacred beliefs and practices. Please pray with us for honest unity around God's High and Holy Scriptures. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Love NOTE: Gluten free wafers are now available.

ORDER OF SERVICE
Divine Service III
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*The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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- 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.**

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 67

P ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

C ³**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

P ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

C ⁵**Let the peoples praise
you, O God;
let all the peoples praise
you!**

P ⁶The earth has yielded its
increase;
God, our God, shall bless
us.

C ⁷**God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the
earth fear him!**



Gloria Patri

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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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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.

Almighty God, You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant us ever to rejoice in the saving light of Your Gospel and, following the example of the apostle Paul, to spread it to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the

ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord



said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 1:11–24

¹¹For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man’s gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I

received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw



none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²²And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.

²³They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 19:27–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed



me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB #611

Sermon

Offering

Offertory Response

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB #781 vs. 1-2

Prayers of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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Sanctus

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Lord's Prayer

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P 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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P 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."

Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymns

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

LSB #397

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

LSB #400

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB #617

Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore

You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation *LSB 201*

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn

“Glory Be to God the Father”

LSB #506

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BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29; Romans 9:1-18

Monday: Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23; Romans 9:19-33

Tuesday: Joel 1:1-20; Romans 10:1-21

Wednesday: Joel 2:1-17; Romans 11:1-24

Thursday: Joel 2:18-32; Romans 11:25 – 12:13

Friday: Joel 3:1-21; Romans 12:14 – 13:14

Saturday: Zechariah 1:1-21; Romans 14:1-23



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in
your prayers:

Gary Baumann Rodney Dahlke
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 Deb
Wiederhoelt Susie and Ellie Zastrow



Prayers for the family of
RANDY BRAATZ
May 24, 1954 –
January 12, 2025

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 19
at Faith Lutheran Church with
funeral services at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 20
*May the Lord bring you comfort, give you peace,
and strengthen you.*



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, January 19
**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 Study at Faith

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

Monday, January 20

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

Tuesday, January 21

6:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith

Wednesday, January 22

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Sunday, January 26

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

11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting at Faith

Monday, January 27

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Wednesday, January 29

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, January 30

6:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. John's

LWML STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

The LWML collects used stamps to be sold to collectors. The Forever stamps are especially good. Trim them from the envelope with a 1/4" margin. There is a container on the south wall in St. John's Fellowship Room. At Faith, bring them to the church office.



WINTER IS HERE!

Whatever you have planned with family and friends, make it happen with Scrip!

Be sure to pick up scrip cards for all your activities and household needs. Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program. ... *All without it costing you an extra penny!..*



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
11:30 a.m.**

AGENDA

- Call meeting to order
- Pastor opens with prayer/devotion
- Secretary - minutes
- Pastor's report
- Election
 - ✓ Nominations from the floor
 - ✓ Ballot
- Treasurer's Report
- Financial Secretary's Report
- Audit Committee's Report
- Board Reports
 - Elders, Trustees, Education, Stewardship/Evangelism, Women of Faith, Altar Guild, L.I.F.E. Youth Group, Scrip, Investment Committee
- Old Business
- New Business
 - ✓ Update on Building Addition
- Adjourn with closing prayer

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

(Please do not send hard cash through the mail)

Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at Pastor's (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith Lutheran Church, or

on the church website at

www.faithlutheranmerrill.com



February 8, 2025

We have organized a bus trip to Feed My Starving Children and the Ice Castles in Minnesota.



You'll hand-pack rice, soy, dried vegetables and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals into bags which are then sealed, boxed, placed on pallets and shipped to their incredible partners working hard to reach the neediest children around the world.

Through volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, you'll get the chance to impact hundreds of kids in just two hours per packing shift. You'll experience what it's like to make a tangible difference today.



Ice Castles is an awe-inspiring, must-see winter phenomenon that brings fairy tales to life.

You will enjoy Ice Slides, Caverns and Archways, Crawl Tunnels and Ice Sculptures. Visit <https://icecastles.com> to see what it's all about.

Cost is **\$47.50 per person**
(includes bus ticket and Ice Castle ticket)
Meals not included

**Reserve your spot by calling 715-218-9403
before 1/27/2025**