

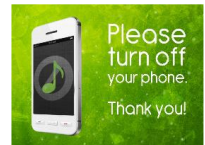


**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - Hamburg
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 26, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Monday, January 27, 2025**

1 Cor. 12:16 – “And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.



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 *“Thy Word Is a Lamp”* **LSB #973**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession and Absolution

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

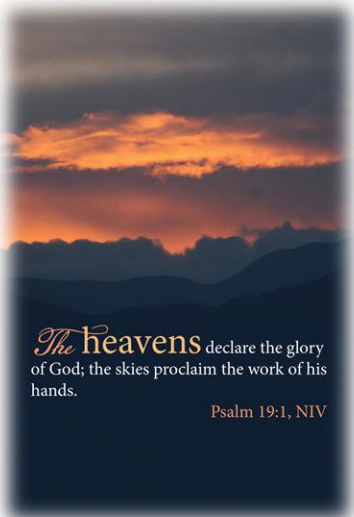
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word



Psalm 19

P ¹The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

C ²**Day to day pours out speech,**

and night to night reveals knowledge.

P ³There is no speech, nor are there words,

whose voice is not heard.

C ⁴**Their measuring line goes out through all the**

earth,

and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

P ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

C ⁶**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,**

and its circuit to the end of them,

and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

P ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,

reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure,

making wise the simple;

C ⁸**the precepts of the LORD are right,**

rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure,

enlightening the eyes;

P ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,

enduring forever;

the just decrees of the LORD are true,

and righteous altogether.

C ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold,**

even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey

and drippings of the honeycomb.

P ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

C ¹²**Who can discern his errors?**

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

P ¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression.

C ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of**

my heart

be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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 also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand.

And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

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⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the

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Nehemiah 8:10

LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

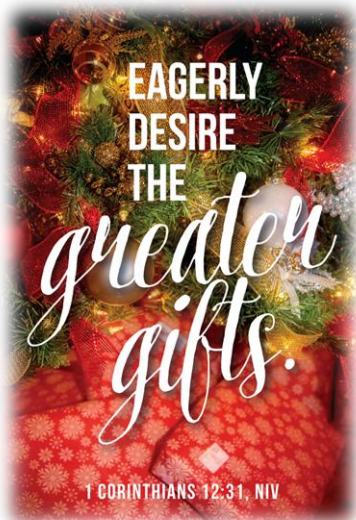
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear,



where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.



The Spirit of
the Lord

is on me, because
he has anointed me
to proclaim good
news to the poor.

Luke 4:18, niv

¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

LSB #584

Sermon *“Responding to God’s Word”*

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 T everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Offertory Response

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB #806

Lord’s Prayer

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.

Benediction

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- 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 T give
you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*”

LSB #919

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BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Zechariah 2:1 – 3:10; Romans 15:1-13

Monday: Zechariah 4:1 – 5:11; Romans 15:14-33

Tuesday: Zechariah 6:1 – 7:14; Romans 16:17-27

Wednesday: Zechariah 8:1-23; 2 Timothy 1:1-18

Thursday: Zechariah 9:1-17; 2 Timothy 2:1-26

Friday: Zechariah 10:1 – 11:3; 2 Timothy 3:1-17

Saturday: Zechariah 11:4-17; 2 Timothy 4:1-18



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following in
your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Rodney Dahlke
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CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and 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

Sunday, February 2

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

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

6:30 p.m. Women of Faith

Wednesday, February 5

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, February 6

6:30 p.m. Mary Martha Guild

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.





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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!*

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out the “new and improved” facebook page at “*Faith Lutheran Church -Merrill WI*”. Thank you to Lillie McCulloch and Beth Bartelt for creating our new page.



SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped out with the funeral for our dear brother in Christ, Randy Braatz. The outpouring of love and fellowship for the family and with each other is to be commended.



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