

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

**The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

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

**Monday, February 17, 2025**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Luke 6:20–21 – “*Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.*”** The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness: if you're poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there's an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.



**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 WORSHIP**

### **Divine Service I**

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### **OPENING HYMN**

***"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"***

**LSB #633 vs. 1-4**

## 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** 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.**

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD



### PSALM 1

**P** <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
who walks not in the counsel  
of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of  
sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of  
scoffers;

**C** <sup>2</sup>**but his delight is in the  
law of the LORD,  
and on his law he  
meditates day and night.**

**P** <sup>3</sup>He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

**P** <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C** <sup>6</sup>**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

KYRIE

LSB 152

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your

name; 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

*Jeremiah 17:5–8*

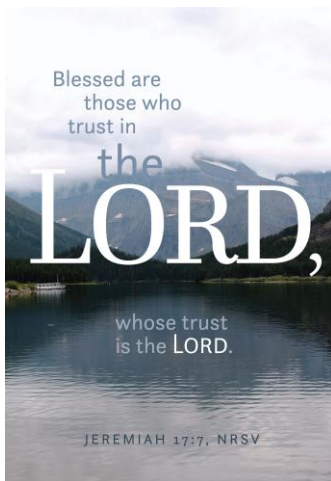
<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.  
He shall dwell in the parched places of the  
wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”



**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** *Psalms 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love  
toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD  
endures forever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due  
his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1–20


<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

<sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**BUT BY THE  
GRACE  
OF GOD  
I AM WHAT I AM,  
AND HIS** **GRACE  
TO ME WAS NOT  
WITHOUT EFFECT.**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:10, NIV

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17–26

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

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

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for



joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN *“This Joyful Eastertide”* LSB #482

SERMON

*“You Will Laugh”*

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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

***“We Give Thee But Thine Own”***      **LSB #781 vs. 1–2**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **PREFACE**

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and

with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*LSB 161*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*LSB 161*

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 162*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

**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

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

LSB #394

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

LSB #821

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

LSB #643

## THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

## 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.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 166

- 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

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” LSB #633 vs. 5–8

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# Baptism



Baptized at Faith on  
Saturday, February 15, 2025

*Cooper Austin Prahl*

*Max Peter Prahl*

Children of

Joel and Marissa Prahl

Sponsors are

Macy Lentz and Matthew Lentz

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday:** Job 12:1-6, 12-25; John 5:30-47

**Monday:** Job 13:1-12; John 6:1-21

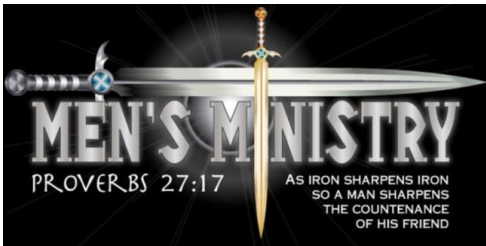
**Tuesday:** Job 13:13-28; John 6:22-40

**Wednesday:** Job 14:1-22; John 6:41-59

**Thursday:** Job 15:1-23, 30-35; John 6:60-71

**Friday:** Job 16:1-22; John 7:1-13

**Saturday:** Job 17:1-16; John 7:14-31



## Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI)

Sunday, February 16  
4:30 p.m.  
Pine Ridge  
Restaurant, Merrill



## FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following in  
your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Joe Calmes

Rodney Dahlke Alice Fromm Wallace Emmerich

Angie Harkner Emma Hein Dale Janisch

Cecelia & Lucille Klade Rob Koebe 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



## CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES

on Monday, February 17  
at 5:30 p.m. at Faith



## CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

**Sunday, February 16**  
**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 Stewardship and Evangelism at Faith

4:30 p.m. ISI at Pine Ridge Restaurant, Merrill

**Monday, February 17**

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

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

**Wednesday, February 19**

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

**Thursday, February 20**

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

**Sunday, February 23**

**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 Class at Faith

**Monday, February 24**

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

**6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith**

## **CAMP LUTHER**



Camp brochures are on the counter in the narthex in the back of the church. Share them with your family and friends. Programs include camps for kids starting at 4 years old through High School as well programs for families. Besides camping, there are also summer jobs

available to interested persons. Contact [campluther.com](http://campluther.com) or call 1-715-546-3647

## 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.



## 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!*



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134058 County Road L

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[www.faithlutheranmerrill.com](http://www.faithlutheranmerrill.com)

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# DINNER & COMEDY SHOW

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MERRILL, WI

COMEDY SHOW WITH

**DEAN BERG & \$ASH  
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**\$35 FOR ONE  
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**FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

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DINNER AT 5:30PM

CHICKEN & BEEF TIPS

COMEDY SHOW AT 6:45PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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