

O God,
you give the winter's cold,
as well as
summer's joyous rays.
You warmly in
your love enfold,
and keep us through
life's wintry days.

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

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 23, 2025

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

Monday, February 24, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Luke 6:30–31 – “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus — and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.



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”

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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.*

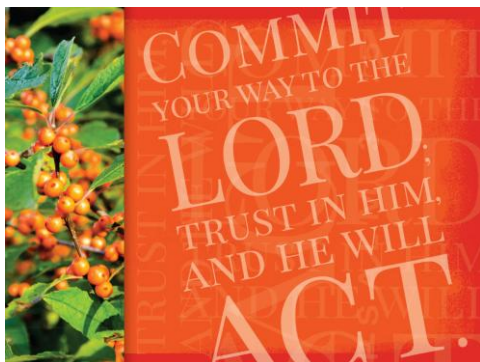
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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

INTROIT

Psalm 37:1–5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

- P** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.
- C** **Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!**
- P** For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.
- C** **Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**



P Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

C **Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.**

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

GLORIA PATRI

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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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Genesis 45:3–15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother,



Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

P 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 15:21–26, 30–42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .



³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the

dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what

you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

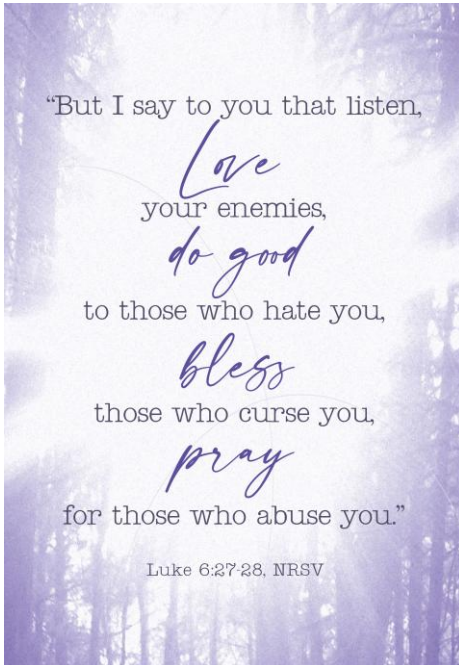
C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27–38



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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from

one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.

³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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SERMON HYMN

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

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SERMON

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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BENEDICAMUS

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- P** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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- 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 T give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” LSB #917

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Job 18:1-21; John 7:32-53
Monday: Job 19:1-12, 21-27; John 8:1-20
Tuesday: Job 20:1-23, 29; John 8:21-38
Wednesday: Job 21:1-21; Job 21:22 – 30:15; John 8:39-59
Thursday: Job 30:16-31; John 9:1-23
Friday: Job 31:1-12, 33-40; John 9:24-41
Saturday: Job 32:1-22; John 10:1-21

FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in your prayers:



Gary Baumann	Joe Calmes		
Rodney Dahlke	Alice Fromm		
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Emma Hein	Dale Janisch		
Cecelia & Lucille Klade			
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CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

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

Wednesday, February 26

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, February 27

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

Sunday, March 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, March 3

NO MONDAY SERVICE AT FAITH

Tuesday, March 4

6:30 p.m. Women of Faith

Wednesday, March 5 ASH WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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

Thursday, March 6 ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

7:15 p.m. Mary Martha Guild

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!*



Beth Bartelt is **LOOKING FOR COSTUME JEWELRY** (old, new, broken), anything not wanted anymore. It'll be used for a project at a Marathon County Homemakers craft day that will benefit the Headstart Program. Proceeds used to buy children in the program books to read. Put items in Beth's mailbox and/or call at 715-574-0190.

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Lenten Midweek

Sermon Series

Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis

Aaron A. Stinnett

Ash Wednesday, **MARCH 5-6**

The Good News of a Savior Who Covers Our Sin
Genesis 3:1–13, 21

Lenten Midweek 2, **MARCH 12-13**

The Good News of a Savior Who Conquers Evil
Genesis 3:14–15

Lenten Midweek 3, **MARCH 19-20**

The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning
Genesis 6

Lenten Midweek 4, **MARCH 26-27**

The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place
Genesis 22:1–18

Lenten Midweek 5, **APRIL 2-3**

The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth
Genesis 28:10–22

Lenten Midweek 6, **APRIL 9-10**

The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil
Genesis 50:15–21

MIDWEEK SERVICE

SCHEDULE 2025

At Faith -

WEDNESDAYS

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

At St. John's -

THURSDAYS

6:30 p.m

