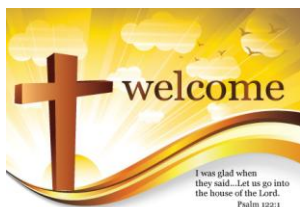


**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**

Luke 22:11 – “Tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” Did Jesus really *need* this man’s Upper Room? If the man had refused to let Jesus use it, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this room! It is the same with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor it is for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.



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.

PRINTED ORDER OF WORSHIP
Special Music – Ed Stiver, Jeremy Fromm
Preservice “The Old Rugged Cross”

OPENING HYMN “Rock of Ages”
St. John’s will sing with the organ
Faith will sing with Ed and the guitars

LSB #761

INVOCATION

P Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

We begin our worship as we began our Christian life, through Holy Baptism, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION



“God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (*John 4:24*) And, “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (*Proverbs 28:13*) Therefore, let us confess and renounce our sins with a sincere heart and mind before the Lord, receiving His Almighty, Divine, and Eternal forgiveness.

*(A moment of silence
for personal confession and reflection.)*



We confess:



God forgive me, a sinner. 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.



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*) “Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him, and in whose spirit is no deceit. (*Based on Psalm 32:1, 2*) By this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and

by the command and in the stead of the Lord Jesus Christ, (*John 20:22-23; Matthew 16:19 NIV*) I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you. (*Matthew 9:2 KJV*) Now, go and live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with real repentance. (*Ephesians 4:1*)

RESPONSIVE HYMN

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High" (sing twice)

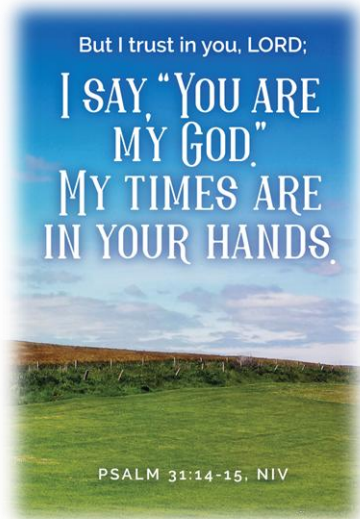
**Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high**

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- P** ⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body also.
- C** ¹⁰**For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.**
- P** ¹¹Because of all my adversaries I have become a
reproach,
especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

C ¹²I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.

P ¹³For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.



C ¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”

P ¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my
enemies and from my
persecutors!

C ¹⁶Make your face shine on
your servant;
save me in your steadfast
love!

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD

P “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.

C “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (*Romans 15:4-6*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!

³⁹"See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

P "The grass withers and the flowers fall,
C **"but the Word of God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8)**

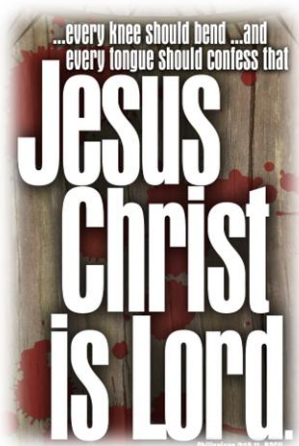
EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and

every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P "And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you received from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men,



- C** “He replied, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God, and obey it.’” (Luke 11:27-28)

SERMON HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB #443

SERMON

CATECHISM REVIEW

P *THE FOURTH PETITION*

C Give us this day our daily bread.

P *What does this mean?*

C God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P *What is meant by daily bread?*

C Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

P *THE FIFTH PETITION*

C And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

P *What does this mean?*

C We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely

forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

THE 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.

WE BRING OUR FIRSTFRUITS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

LSB #806

THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

Benediction

- 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

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB #442

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Exodus 8:1-32; Psalm 118; Hebrews 1:1-14

Monday: Exodus 9:1-28; Lamentations 1:1-22;
Hebrews 2:1-18

Tuesday: Exodus 9:29 – 10:20; Lamentations 2:1-22;
Hebrews 3:1-19

Wednesday: Exodus 10:21 – 11:10; Lamentations 3:1-66;
Hebrews 4:1-16

Thursday: Exodus 12:1-28; Lamentations 4:1-22;
Hebrews 5:1-14; Psalm 31

Friday: Exodus 12:29-32; 13:1-16; Lamentations 5:1-22;
Hebrews 6:1-20; Psalm 22

Saturday: Exodus 13:17 – 14:9; Hebrews 7:1-22

Prayers for the family of
RON LANG who finished his earthly race
and will now celebrate Easter in heaven
with his heavenly Father.

*Funeral services will be held on Saturday,
April 19 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran
Church – Hamburg. Visitation will begin at
9 a.m. until the hour of services.*



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

David Knospe Rob Koebe Mabel Marquardt Debbie Olson

Mark Pester Edgar Pfaff Marge Radenz Karen Rajek
Jo Schedler Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling
Carl Uttech Deb Wiederhoeft Susie and Ellie Zastrow



Recognition
SUNDAY

Sunday, April 27
Faith Lutheran Church
with luncheon

We welcome and recognize all the recent new members, marriages, confirmands, and baptisms here at Faith. We are blessed to have you among our church family.

SPRING INTO ACTION with Scrip!

As spring starts blooming, it's time to turn over a "new" leaf and try something new today! We have plenty of gift cards in stock for home improvement, gardening and trips for spring break. Gift cards are available before and after Sunday worship as well as in the church office during the week.





**CHURCH CALENDAR ST.
JOHN'S and FAITH**

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

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

Monday, April 14

NO MONDAY SERVICE AT FAITH

Wednesday, April 16 *Maundy Thursday*

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

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

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

Thursday, April 17 *Maundy Thursday*

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

Friday, April 18 *Good Friday*

1:00 p.m. Worship at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at St. John's

Sunday, April 20 *Easter Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Monday, April 21

NO MONDAY SERVICE AT FAITH

Wednesday, April 23

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 27

Recognition Sunday at Faith

Sunday, April 27

Disaster Response Sunday

Sunday, May 18

Confirmation at Faith

DEDICATION

of New Addition to the Church Building

Following the closing hymn, all who are able, please follow Pastor Love to the new addition and join in participating in the dedication of the new addition to the Faith Church Building. Following dedication verse and prayer, all are welcome to join in singing the Common Doxology.

**Praise God from Whom all blessings
flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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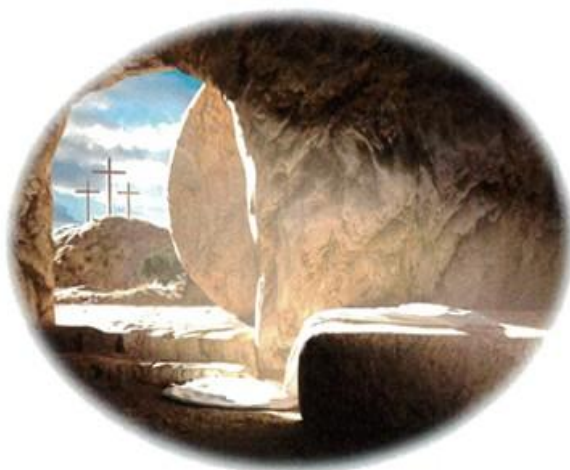
Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at Pastor's (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith Lutheran Church, or on the church website at

www.faithlutheranmerrill.com

What Happened to His Body?

a lecture and discussion on the resurrection of Jesus

MEN'S BREAKFAST + Thursday + April 17 + 6:30 AM



What happened to the body of Jesus? If Christians approach His resurrection casually, they deprive themselves, their children, their neighbors, and non-Christians of an event designed to impact and determine the eternal destiny of every single human being. This event will present the Biblical witness con-

cerning His resurrection, examine competing theories, and unpack the importance of the resurrection for trusting and sharing Christ.

Speaker David Thompson, a former agnostic, is a Lutheran pastor and director of the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews.

Full Breakfast (Mint Café)

Tickets: \$10 (Advanced Tickets Necessary)

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North WI District Disaster Response



**1 JOHN
4:19**

**WE LOVE BECAUSE
HE FIRST LOVED US.**



DISASTER RESPONSE SUNDAY

Tornadoes. Fires. Floods. When disaster strikes, immediate response is often crucial. But where to start? How should volunteers be managed? What training is needed for good-intentioned groups wanting to serve? The North WI District has a Disaster Response Coordinator to help congregations manage a disaster in their location and support the disaster response of congregations looking to serve. Sunday April 27th is simply a day to become more aware of and support NWD Disaster Response.



DISASTER RESPONSE OPPORTUNITIES



TRAIN



SUPPORT



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Train

- *Lutheran
Early
Response
Training
(LERT)*



Support

- *Spiritual*
- *Supplies*
- *Equipment*



Network

- *Regional*
- *National*
- *Synod*

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- *Pray for people suffering through disasters.*
- *Consider your congregation's plan to serve those in need.*
- *Donate to the NWD Disaster Response ministry*

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