

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Matthew 6:10-13

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – Hamburg
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 4, 2025 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Monday, May 5, 2025 6:30 p.m.

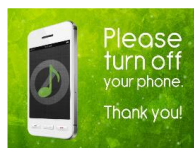
John 21:6 – “He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.” Won’t the disciples ever learn? Jesus did this once before — when the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson, too?



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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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 IV

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OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB #507

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PSALM 30 *(read responsively)*

P ¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

C ²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

P ³O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

C ⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name**

P ⁵For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

C ⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”**

P ⁷By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

C ⁸**To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

P ⁹**“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?**



LORD,
be thou my helper.

PSALM 30:10, KJV

- C** ¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”
- P** ¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
- C** ¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be
silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you
forever!

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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.
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised
up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued
from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness
and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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.

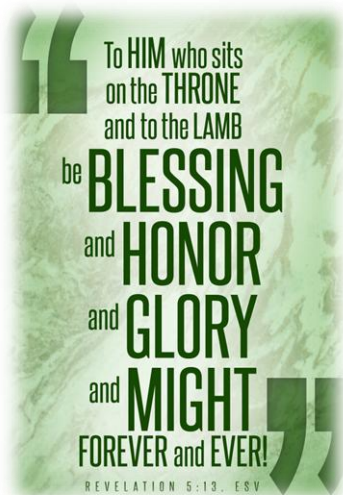
EPISTLE

Revelation 5:1–14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our
God, and they shall reign on the earth."



¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be

blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

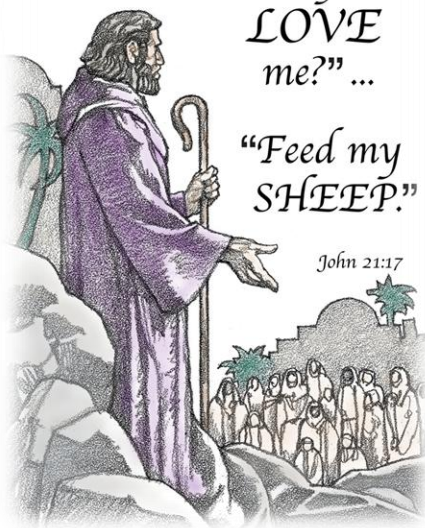
⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples

after he was raised from the dead.

*"Do you
LOVE
me?" ...*

*"Feed my
SHEEP."*

John 21:17



¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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SERMON

CATECHISM

P *The Conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer*

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

P *What does this mean?*

C This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

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<h2>Service of the Sacrament</h2>

PREFACE

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SANCTUS

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

G 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB #633

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

LSB #619

“What Is This Bread”

LSB #629

NUNC DIMITTIS

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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.

BENEDICAMUS

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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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LSB #643

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Exodus 32:15-35; Luke 6:39-49

Monday: Exodus 33:1-23; Luke 7:1-17

Tuesday: Exodus 34:1-28; Luke 7:18-35

Wednesday: Exodus 34:29 - 38:20; Luke 7:36-50

Thursday: Exodus 38:21 – 39:8, 22-23, 27-31; Luke 8:1-21

Friday: Exodus 39:32 – 40:16; Luke 8:22-39

Saturday: Exodus 40:17-38; Leviticus 11:1 – 7:38;
Luke 8:40-56



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN’S and FAITH

Sunday, May 4

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John’s
Sunday School during Sermon at St. John’s

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

11:15 Bible Class at Faith

12:15 p.m. VBS Meeting at Faith

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

Monday, May 5

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

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

Tuesday, May 6

6:30 p.m. Women of Faith

Wednesday, May 7

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Sunday, May 11 Mother’s Day

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

Sunday School during Sermon at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

Monday, May 12

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting at Faith

Tuesday, May 13

1:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith

6:00 p.m. Church Council at St. John's

7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

Wednesday, May 14

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday-Saturday, May 16-17

30 Hour Famine – Circuit 6 Youth Activity

Saturday, May 17

Pickin' and Grinnin' Talent Show at St. John's

Sunday, May 18

Confirmation at Faith and St. John's



**FAITH and ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

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in your prayers:*

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**IRON
SHARPENS
IRON**
PROVERBS 27:17
As iron sharpens iron, so a man
sharpens the countenance of his friend.

MEN'S MINISTRY
ISI Meeting TODAY
Sunday, May 4 at 4:30 p.m.
Pine Ridge Restaurant, Merrill



Extending heartfelt gratitude to all involved in the planning and coordination for Recognition Sunday at Faith. From the meal to the activities and presentations, the event was well organized and a memorable day for all attendees.

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