



We have this
HOPE
as an anchor for the soul,
**FIRM &
SECURE.**
Hebrews 6:19, NIV

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

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, June 1, 2025
8:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Monday, June 2, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

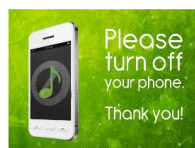
Acts 1:16 – “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.” Judas sold out our Lord for 30 pieces of silver. That is, he sold out his friend, master and teacher for the sake of greed. That is a sharp reminder for us to search our own hearts for greed and to pray that the Lord would help us to turn from it before it consumes us.



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.

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Divine Service IV
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OPENING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB #525

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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 in His mercy has given His Son to for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant 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.

Psalm 133



P ¹Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

C ²It is like the precious oil
on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar
of his robes!

P ³It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of
Zion!

C For there the LORD has
commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

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.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.



Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart.”

Acts 1:24, NRSV

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became

known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

And “‘Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he

was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

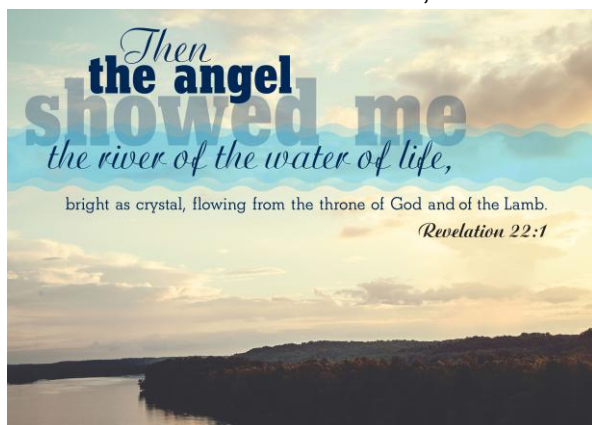
Revelation 22:1–20

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy

and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

⁷“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is



the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

¹⁰And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

¹²“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 17:20–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰[Jesus said:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have



given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

LSB #680

Sermon

CATECHISM REVIEW

P *The First Commandment*

C You shall have no other gods.

P *What does this mean?*

C We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Prayers of the Church

Offering

OFFERTORY HYMN

LSB #781 *sts. 1–2*

Service of the Sacrament

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.

Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our

salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things.

Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

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

Lord's Prayer

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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

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

LSB #493

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

LSB #395

"I come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB #618

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**“Son of God, Eternal Savior”****LSB #842****Acknowledgments**

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*Flowers adorning the altar this weekend
are in honor of
Loyd and Joan Kleinschmidt
celebrating their 74th wedding
anniversary on June 2, 2025*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Numbers 14:1-25; Luke 18:18-34

Monday: Numbers 14:26-45; Numbers 15:1-41;
Luke 18:35 – 19:10

Tuesday: Numbers 16:1-22; Luke 19:11-28

Wednesday: Numbers 16:23-40; Luke 19:29-48

Thursday: Numbers 16:41 – 17:13; Numbers 18:1 – 19:22;
Luke 20:1-18

Friday: Numbers 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44

Saturday: Numbers 20:22 – 21:9; Luke 20:45 – 21:19

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

Sunday, June 1

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

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

11:15 Bible Class at Faith

Monday June 2

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

Tuesday, June 3

6:30 p.m. Evening Women of Faith

Thursday, June 5

6:30 p.m. Mary Martha Guild at St. John's

Sunday, June 8

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

Monday, June 9

NO MONDAY WORSHIP at Faith

Monday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 11

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Check Your
Calendar**



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following
in your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Joe Calmes
Rodney Dahlke Alice Fromm
Christopher Emmerich
Wallace Emmerich
Gerhard Hannemann

Angie Harkner Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade
David Knospe Rob Koebe Barry Krenz Bob Meyer
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Marge Radenz Karen Rajek Jo Schedler
Linda Seidler Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling
Carl Uttech
Deb Wiederhoeft Susie and Ellie Zastrow

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Celebrate the Savior"

June 9-11

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.



Sign up sheets are on the Scrip
table in the back of church to sign up to
volunteer for VBS. Questions, call
Bonnie Grueneberg (715-613-0003)
and/or Kathy Sturm (715-443-2653)



Children and Adults can pick up
registration forms for classes in the
back of the church as well. Or you
can register online at

www.myvbs.org/churchoffice

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

After cleaning and re-organizing the kitchen and other areas of the church, there is a table in the back of the church with items that anyone can take. Please help yourself!



VACATION! PICNICS!

SUMMER FUN! For all of your upcoming events and activities,

don't forget to pick up Scrip Cards. One can always use cards for everyday personal and household needs such as gas and food, Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program ... *all without it costing you an extra penny!*

2025 Church Softball League

Today, Sunday, June 1
Games at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30
p.m. at Faith
Sunday, June 8
Game at 3:30 p.m. at St. John's



**VBS Adult Bible
Study
June 9-11**

***The Truth about Islam
It's Impact On
American Society And
Growing***



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June 9 - 11, 2025
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(Meal provided starting at 5:00 p.m.)

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