

BE joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12, NIV



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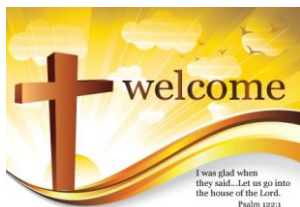
Sunday, June 22, 2025

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

Monday, June 23, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Luke 8:37 – “Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned.” The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd — their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of some of our wealth?



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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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OPENING HYMN

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB #594

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 T 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.**

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 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord unto us all.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

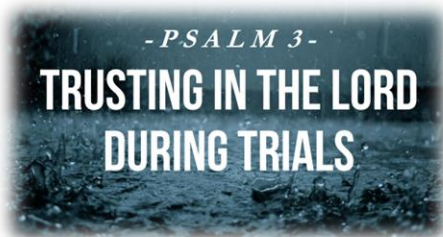
PSALM 3

P ¹O LORD, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

C ²**many are saying of my soul,**

there is no salvation for him in God.



P ³But you, O LORD,
are a shield about me,
my glory, and the
lifter of my head.

C ⁴**I cried aloud to
the LORD,
and he answered
me from his holy hill.**

P ⁵I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

C ⁶**I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.**

P ⁷Arise, O LORD!
Save me, O my God!
For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.

C ⁸**Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!**

Gloria Patri

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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 with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Catechism Review

P *The Fourth Commandment*

C **Honor your father and your mother.**

P *What does this mean?*

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:1–9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here am I, here am I,”

to a nation that was not called by my name.

²I spread out my hands all the day

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

⁴who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig’s flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

⁵who say, “Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for

you.”

These are a smoke
in my nostrils,

a fire that

burns all the day.

⁶Behold, it is written
before me:

“I will not

keep silent, but I will

God’s Amazing Grace
Isaiah 65

repay;
I will indeed repay into their bosom
 ⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities
together,
says the LORD;
because they made offerings on the mountains
 and insulted me on the hills,
I will measure into their bosom
 payment for their former deeds."

⁸Thus says the LORD:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster,
 and they say, 'Do not destroy it,
 for there is a blessing in it,'
so I will do for my servants' sake,
 and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
 and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
my chosen shall possess it,
 and my servants shall dwell there."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Galatians 3:23—4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything,

²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.



⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Luke 8:26–39

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

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

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is

your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting

at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the

surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

LSB #908

Sermon

Offering

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB #806

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

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Benedicamus

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Benediction

LSB 202

- 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

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

LSB #811

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*Thank You,
Seminarian Caleb
Gustavson*

thank you



*for leading us in worship this weekend.
You are a blessing to our
congregations.*

*‘And I will give you shepherds after my own
heart, who will feed you with knowledge and
understanding. Jeremiah 3:15*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Proverbs 25:1-22; Proverbs 26:1-28;
John 19:23-42

Monday: Proverbs 27:1-24; Proverbs 28:1 – 29:27;
John 20:1-18

Tuesday: Proverbs 30:1-9, 18-33; John 20:19-31

Wednesday: Proverbs 31:10-31; John 21:1-25

Thursday: Joshua 1:1-18; Acts 8:1-25

Friday: Joshua 2:1-24; Acts 8:26-40

Saturday: Joshua 3:1-17; Acts 9:1-22

CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, June 22

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

Monday, June 23

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Wednesday, June 25

10 a.m. Ablelight

Sunday, June 29

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

Monday, June 30

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Sunday, July 6

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

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

Monday, July 7

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



Check Your
Calendar



Looking for this year's graduates from both high school and colleges and technical schools from both Faith and St. John's congregations. Please call the church office at 715-536-5443 or leave a message in the office.



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following
in your prayers:*

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Members of Faith Church, Thank you
for the beautiful bouquet of altar
flowers honoring our 74th wedding
anniversary on June 2.

Love, Loyd and Joan Kleinschmidt



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2025 Church Softball League

Today, Sunday, June 22
Game at 3:30 p.m. at St. John's
Sunday, June 29
Game at 1:30 p.m. at Immanuel





BIG THANK YOU!
*To all who helped make
our 2025 VBS a great
success!*

*It was such a joy to
experience so many
great ideas, labor, team
work, patience and
encouragement ... and
to see it all*

*come together. Thank you for the great memories, and may God
bless us all in faith until life everlasting.*

Pastor Love



**Pastor Love will be on vacation from
Tuesday, June 17 to Tuesday, July 1.**

Our Guest Speaker will be
Seminarian Caleb Gustafson.

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Rev. Neely Owen at 1-540-520-2231.*

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