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

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

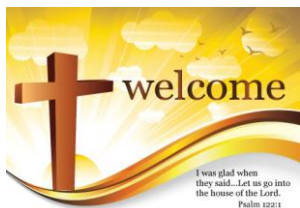
Sunday, June 29, 2025

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

Monday, June 30, 2025

6:30 p.m.

1 Kings 19:18 – “Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” Elijah was so sure that he was right, that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can't go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God's work in the church with our offerings. Look in the Table of Duties in Luther's Small Catechism to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.



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

Divine Service I

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Opening Hymn

“God Himself Is Present”

LSB #907

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.
- G** **Amen.**

Confession And Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- G** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C 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.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 16

P ¹Preserve me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.

C ²I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”

P ³As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

C ⁴The sorrows of those who run after another
god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.



P ⁵The LORD is my
chosen portion and my
cup;
you hold my lot.

C ⁶The lines have
fallen for me in pleasant
places;
indeed, I have a beautiful
inheritance.

P ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

C ⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be
shaken.**

P ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being
rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

C ¹⁰**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

P ¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures 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.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve

our neighbor; 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 Rvieu

P *The Fifth Commandment*

C You shall not murder.

P *What does this mean?*

C We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:9b–21

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”

¹¹And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And



behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But

if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from



doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger,

rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 9:51–62

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

LSB #685

Sermon

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.

Offering

Offertory Response

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

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Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

- ☩** **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

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- ☐** **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.**
- ☩** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “On What Has Now Been Sown”

LSB #921

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*Thank You,
Seminarian Caleb
Gustafson,
for being a shepherd
to Faith and St.*

thank you

John's this weekend. Your dedication to the Lord's work touches our hearts and souls. You are a blessing to our churches, and we thank God for you.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Joshua 4:1-24; Acts 9:23-43

Monday: Joshua 5:1 – 6:5; Acts 10:1-17

Tuesday: Joshua 6:6-27; Acts 10:18-33

Wednesday: Joshua 7:1-26; Acts 10:34-48

Thursday: Joshua 8:1-28; Acts 11:1-18

Friday: Joshua 10:1-25; Joshua 10:28 – 22:34;
Acts 11:19-30

Saturday: Joshua 23:1-16; Acts 12:1-25



**Pastor Love will be on vacation from
through Tuesday, July 1.**

Our Guest Speaker is
Seminarian Caleb Gustafson.
*For any emergency, please call
Rev. Neely Owen at 1-540-520-2231*

CHURCH CALENDAR ST.
JOHN'S and FAITH

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

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

Monday, July 7

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

Tuesday, July 8

3:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith

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

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

Wednesday, July 9

10 a.m. Ablelight Volunteers

Sunday, July 13

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

Monday, July 14

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

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

Friday, July 18

6:00 p.m. Pickin' and Grinnin' at St. John's



**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:*

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

Gerhard Hannemann Angie Harkner Dale Janisch
Cecelia & Lucille Klade Rob Koebe Barry Krenz
Kim Love Bob Meyer Debbie Olson Mark Pester
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2025 Church Softball League

Today, Sunday, June 22
Game at 1:30 p.m. at Immanuel
Sunday, July 5
*Community Classic at 1:30 p.m.
at Immanuel*





The Stewardship & Evangelism will be collecting items from June 29 – July 13 that will be sent along with the Youth Group heading to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering.

Items donated will be divided between the **Desoto County Dream Center in Horn Lake, MS** where we will be stopping to participate in a Servant Event and the **Food**

Bank at the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis where we will stopping for a tour of the campus.

Items that are being requested for the Desoto County Dream Center are: Non-perishable Foods, Personal Hygiene Items, Feminine Products, Individual Snack Items and paper products.

Items that are being requested for the Concordia Seminary are: Non-perishable Foods, Juices, Pasta, Canned Vegetables, Canned Meats, diapers and paper products.

(Seminary students may shop twice a month during the academic year and once a month during the summer free of charge. The amount of food each student is eligible for is based on family size.)





Join Us For



Pickin' and Grinnin'



**Around the
Campfire**

at St. John's Lutheran Church

July 18, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Bring your talents you want to share
(CLEAN jokes, storytelling, singing).**

Hot Dogs, Chips, Smores Will be Provided

(Bring Your Lawn Chairs)



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL FAITH CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, July 27

11:30 a.m. at Faith

DUAL PARISH OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, August 10

10:00 a.m. at St. John's

DUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday, August 12

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

DUAL PARISH POLKA SERVICE

Sunday, September 28

10:00 a.m. at Faith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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