



Faith  
is taking the  
*first step even*  
when you don't see the whole  
staircase.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, July 13 and Monday, July 14, 2025**

**Luke 10:25b – “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”** There is nothing right about this question. What shall I *do to inherit*? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can't do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father's children with our good works.



**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.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Divine Service IV

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OPENING HYMN “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”      LSB #913

## 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.

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### PSALM 41

**P** <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!  
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

**C** <sup>2</sup>**the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;  
he is called blessèd in the land;  
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

**P** <sup>3</sup>The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;  
in his illness you restore him to full health.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;  
heal me, for I have sinned against you!”**

**P** <sup>5</sup>My enemies say of me in malice,  
“When will he die and his  
name perish?”

**C** <sup>6</sup>**And when one comes to  
see me, he utters empty words,  
while his heart gathers  
iniquity;  
when he goes out, he tells  
it abroad.**

**P** <sup>7</sup>All who hate me whisper  
together about me;



they imagine the worst for me.

**C** <sup>8</sup>They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”

**P** <sup>9</sup>Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

**C** <sup>10</sup>But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

**P** <sup>11</sup>By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

**C** <sup>12</sup>But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

**P** <sup>13</sup>Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!  
Amen and Amen.

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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 Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## CATECHISM REVIEW

**P** *The Sixth Commandment*

**C** You shall not commit adultery.

**P** *What does this mean?*

**C** We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18*

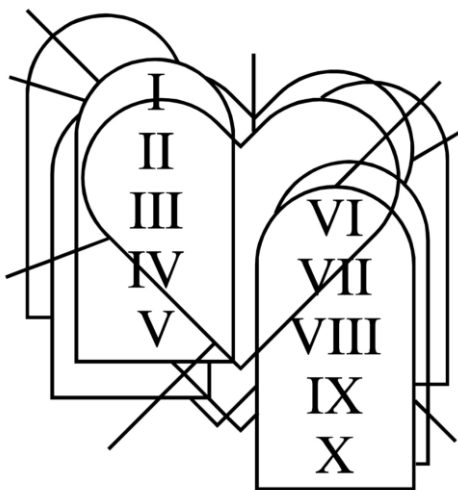
<sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. <sup>3</sup>You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. <sup>4</sup>You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup>You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

<sup>9</sup>“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup>And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup>“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you



I will put my law within  
them, and I will write  
it on their hearts.

shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Colossians 1:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

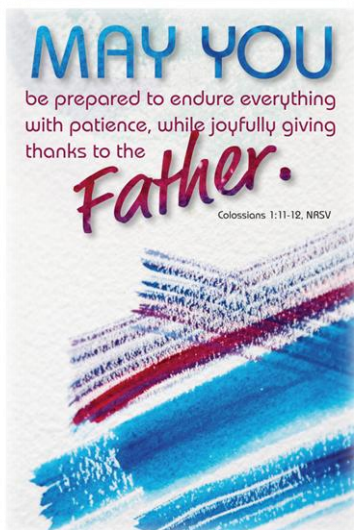
<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

<sup>4</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,

<sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have

heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup>just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup>and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and



understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 10:25–37*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup>And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds,



*"Love the LORD your  
God with all your heart and  
with all your soul and with  
all your strength."*

pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **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.**



## SERMON HYMN

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

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## SERMON

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”*

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## LORD’S PRAYER

**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.

## 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

*“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”*

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## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday:** Judges 13:1-25; Ruth 1:1 – 4:22; Galatians 2:1-21

**Monday:** Judges 14:1-20; Galatians 3:1-22

**Tuesday** Judges 15:1 – 16:3; Galatians 3:23 – 4:11

**Wednesday:** Judges 16:4-30; Judges 17:1 – 21:25;  
Galatians 4:12-31

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 5:1-26

**Friday:** 1 Samuel 1:21 – 2:17; Galatians 6:1-18

**Saturday:** 1 Samuel 2:18-36; Acts 15:22-41

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

### **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**

**12:15 p.m. Evangelism and  
Stewardship Meeting 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**

### **Sunday, July 20**

**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 21**

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

### **Wednesday, July 23**

**10:00 a.m. Ablelight Volunteers**

### **Sunday July 27**

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

**10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith**

**11:30 a.m. Semi-Annual Meeting 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:*

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



**UPCOMING DATES**

Sunday, August 10

**DUAL PARISH  
OUTDOOR WORSHIP**  
at St. John's 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 12  
6:30 p.m.

**DUAL PARISH MEETING**  
at St. John's

Sunday, September 28  
10:00 a.m.

**POLKA SERVICE**  
at Faith



**Camping, Summer Vacations, 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!*



**Sunday, July 27**  
**Semi-Annual Church Meeting**  
at Faith  
Following morning worship

Please have committee reports and any other pertinent information to the church office by Tuesday, July 22.

### **2025 Church Softball League**

Today, Sunday, July 13  
at St. John's at 1:30 p.m.  
Next Sunday, July 20  
at Faith at 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday, July 26  
Tournament at Faith and St. John's  
Sunday, July 27  
Tournament 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 be 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.)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank You for your generous sacrificial offerings to the Lord, to help us keep our ministry going. You can also mail your offerings to Our Churches at**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

15425 County Road K South

Merrill, WI 54452

or

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

134058 County Road L

Athens, WI 54411

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**Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at Pastor's**

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**Facebook Page <https://faithmerrill.webs.com/>**



**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)**





**Spend time with God this summer**