



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, July 20 and Monday, July 21, 2025**

**Luke 10:40b – “*Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?*”** Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is there any doubt that she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act!



**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.

### **RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT**

In deep Christian love and commitment to the Word of God we continue to hold to the Biblical and Ancient practice of closed communion. We believe that those who commune together must confess the same faith, and recognize the great power and real presence of the body and blood Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine. (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:23-29; Romans 16:17*). Likewise, since one's membership helps promote that church's major teachings we ask that only those commune who are confirmed and communicant members of the LCMS, and who are not under church discipline. Thank you for respecting our beliefs and practices. Please pray with us for honest unity around the Word of God. If you



have any question please contact Pastor Love. *NOTE: Gluten free wafers are now available at the Lord's Table. Please let Pastor know before worship service that you would like the gluten free wafers."*

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Divine Service III**

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## OPENING HYMN

*“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”*

LSB #904

## 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** 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.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

*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** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 27

**P** <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

**C** <sup>2</sup>**When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.**

**P** <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.**

**P** <sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

**C** <sup>6</sup>**And now my head shall be  
lifted up  
above my enemies all around  
me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to  
the LORD.**



THE LORD IS THE  
**STRONGHOLD**  
OF MY LIFE.  
PSALM 27:1

- P** <sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!
- C** <sup>8</sup>**You have said, “Seek my face.”  
My heart says to you,  
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”**
- P** <sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!
- C** <sup>10</sup>**For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me in.**
- P** <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.
- C** <sup>12</sup>**Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.**
- P** <sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the  
LORD  
in the land of the living!
- C** <sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!**

Gloria Patri *LSB 186*

Kyrie *LSB 186*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know  
the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we  
may live according to Your will; 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 Seventh Commandment*

**C** **You shall not steal.**

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

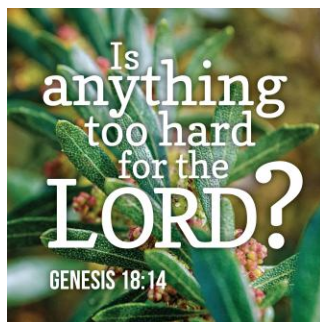
**C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 18:1–14*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, "I will



surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Colossians 1:21–29*

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the

faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up



what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may

present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

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

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

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister



called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help

me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, 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

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

LSB #702

Sermon

Offering

#### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

LSB #781 sts. 1–2

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

**Preface** *LSB 194*

**Sanctus** *LSB 195*

**Lord's Prayer** *LSB 196*

**☩** 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** *LSB 197*

**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** *LSB 197*

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 198*

**Distribution**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* *LSB #575*

*"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"* *LSB #618*

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* *LSB #699*

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Benedicamus

LSB 202

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  $\dagger$  give you peace.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

**CLOSING HYMN “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”**    **LSB #919**

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**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.

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday:** 1 Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 16:1-22

**Monday:** 1 Samuel 4:1-22; Acts 16:23-40; Act 17:1-34

**Tuesday** 1 Samuel 5:1 – 6:3, 10-16; Acts 18:1-11, 23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 6:19 – 7:17; Acts 19:1 – 21:14

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Acts 21:15-36

**Friday:** 1 Samuel 9:1-27; Acts 21:37 – 22:16

**Saturday:** 1 Samuel 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29

## **CHURCH CALENDAR ST.**

### **JOHN'S and FAITH**

#### **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**

#### **Monday, July 28**

**6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith**



**Check Your  
Calendar**

### **2025 Church Softball League**

**Today 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**





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

Sunday, September 28  
10:00 a.m. at Faith  
**POLKA SERVICE**



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## **WOMEN OF FAITH**

### **Summer Outing**

**Tuesday, August 5 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Meet at Casa Amigos, Merrill**

*Spouses are invited*



Thank you to all who made  
our "Pickin' and Grinnin'"  
Event a success! It was a lot  
of fun and good fellowship!

## **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**

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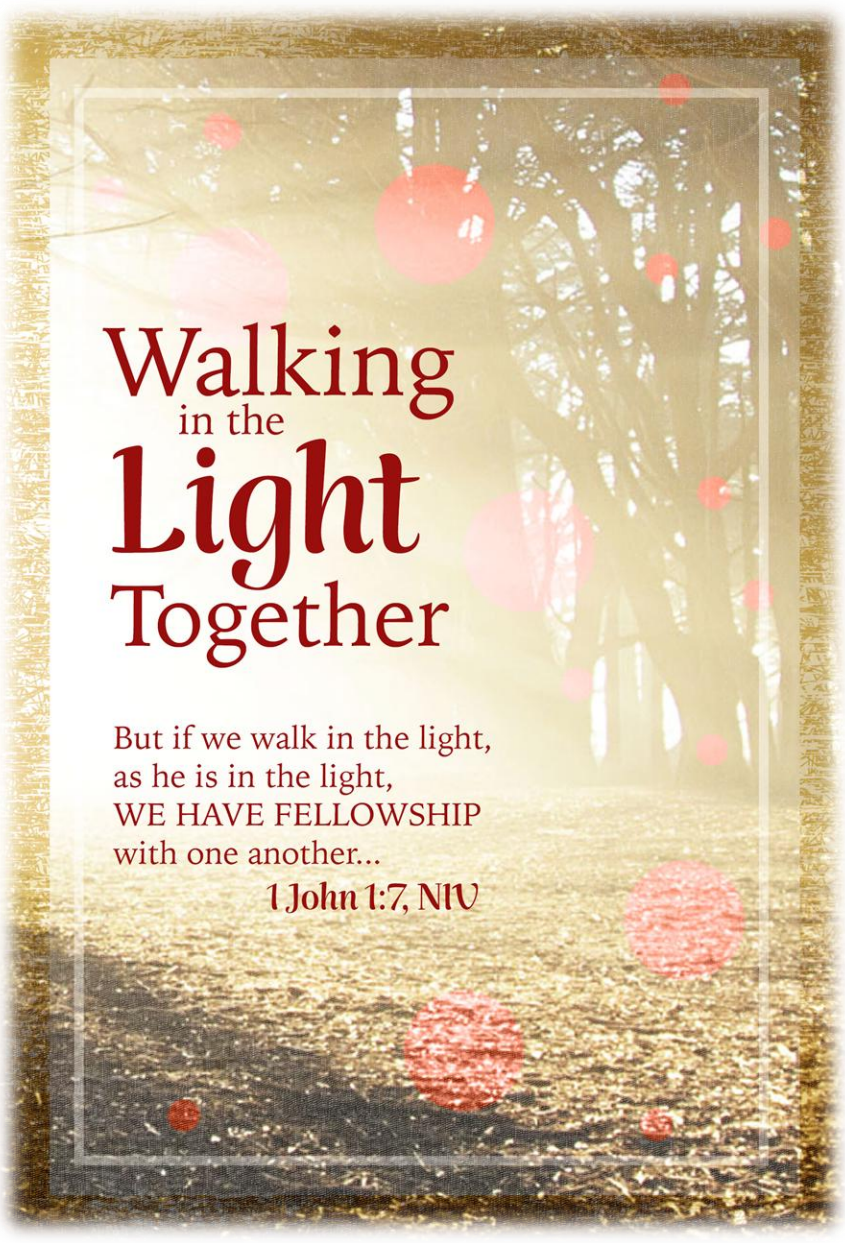
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# Walking in the Light Together

But if we walk in the light,  
as he is in the light,  
WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP  
with one another...

1 John 1:7, NIV