



*Psalm 46:2-3, NIV*

Therefore  
*we will not fear,*  
though the earth give way  
& the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar & foam  
& the mountains quake with their surging.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 17 & Monday, August 18, 2025**

**Luke 12:51 – “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”** Jesus has come to divide us out of the world — to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His blood and trusting His Word.

The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless 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.

## 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."*

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OPENING HYMN

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

LSB #905

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.

Confession and Absolution

**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** 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.

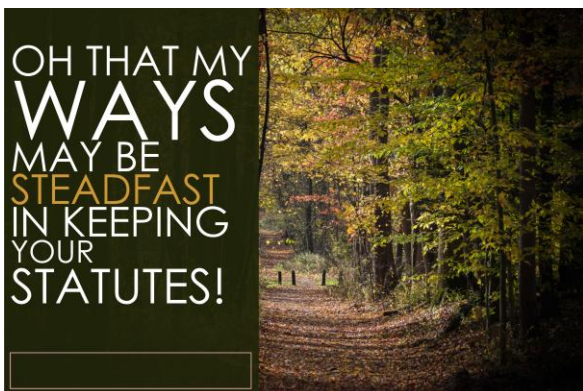
## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Psalm 119:81–88

**P** <sup>81</sup>My soul longs for your salvation;  
I hope in your word.

**C** <sup>82</sup>**My eyes long for your promise;  
I ask, “When will you comfort me?”**

**P** <sup>83</sup>For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,  
yet I have not forgotten your statutes.



**C** <sup>84</sup>**How long  
must your servant  
endure?**

**When will  
you judge those  
who persecute  
me?**

**P** <sup>85</sup>The  
insolent have dug  
pitfalls for me;  
they do not

live according to your law.

**C** <sup>86</sup>**All your commandments are sure;  
they persecute me with falsehood; help me!**

**P** <sup>87</sup>They have almost made an end of me on earth,  
but I have not forsaken your precepts.

**C** <sup>88</sup>**In your steadfast love give me life,  
that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.**

**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.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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**

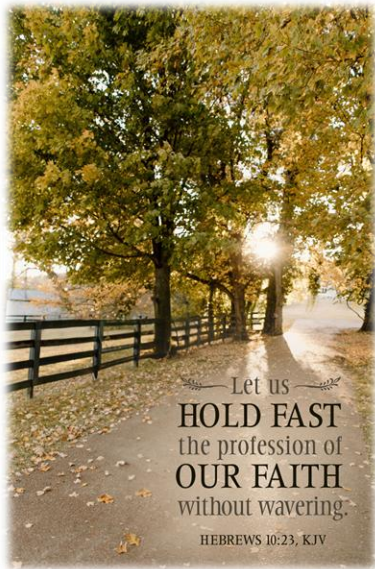
**P** *The Tenth Commandment*

**C** You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"



<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>"I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;  
I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat?



declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 11:17—12:3*

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the



Faith is the assurance of things  
hoped for, the conviction  
of things not seen.

same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Holy Gospel

Luke 12:4–7, 49–53

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

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

<sup>4</sup>“I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. <sup>5</sup>But



*I came to bring  
fire to the earth...*

LUKE 12:49, NRSV

I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! <sup>6</sup>Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. <sup>7</sup>Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>49</sup>“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!

<sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it

is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

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

**C** Praise to You, 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

*“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*      LSB #655

Sermon

Offertory

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Offering

## Prayers of the Church

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### Preface

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It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus

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#### Lord's Prayer

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- P** 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.
- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

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- 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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**

*“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”* **LSB #694**

*“O Lord, We Praise Thee”* **LSB #617**

*“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”* **LSB #636**

**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 199*

**Thanksgiving** *LSB 200*

**Benedicamus** *LSB 202*

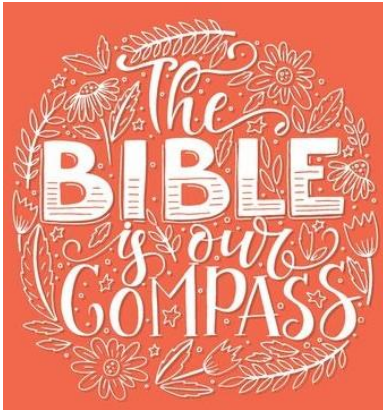
**Benediction** *LSB 202*

- 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”* **LSB #923**



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday:** 2 Samuel 7:1-11;  
1 Corinthians 9:24 – 10:22

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 7:18-29;  
1 Corinthians 10:23 – 11:16

**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 11:1-27;  
1 Corinthians 11:17-34

**Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 12:1-25;

2 Samuel 13:1 – 19:43;  
1 Corinthians 12:1-13

**Thursday:** 1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35; 1 Corinthians 12:14-31

**Friday:** 1 Kings 2:1-27; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13;  
1 Corinthians 14: 1 – 16:24

**Saturday:** 1 Kings 3:1-15; 1 Kings 3:16 – 4:34;  
2 Corinthians 1:1-22



## FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES Please remember the following in your prayers:

Gary Baumann   Joe Calmes  
David Czech   Rodney Dahlke  
Alice Fromm

Christopher Emmerich  
Wallace Emmerich  
Gerhard Hanneman

Angie Harkner   Dale Janisch   Cecelia & Lucille Klade  
Rob Koebe   Kim Love

Bob Meyer   Gene Mootz   Debbie Olson

Mark Pester   Bob Porath   Marge Radenz   Karen Rajek

Jo Schedler   Audrey Steckling   Lorraine Steckling

Carl Uttech   Deb Wiederhoeft   Susie and Ellie Zastrow

Family of Joyce Hannemann  
who was called to her heavenly home



*BIG THANK YOU to  
everyone who worked so well  
together to make our Dual  
Parish Worship a success.  
Great singing and great food!*

*Pastor Love*

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

### **Sunday, August 17**

- 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
- 12:15 p.m.    Evangelism and Stewardship  
Meeting at Faith



Check Your  
Calendar

### **Monday, August 18**

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

### **Thursday, August 21**

- 10:30 a.m.    Community Bible Study at St. John's  
*Everyone is welcome!*

### **Sunday, August 24**

- 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, August 25**

- 6:30 p.m.      **Worship at Faith**

### **Wednesday, August 27**

- 10:00 a.m.    AbleLight Volunteers

### **Thursday, August 28**

- 10:30 a.m.    Community Bible Study at St. John's

### **Sunday, August 31**

- 8:30 a.m.      **Worship at St. John's**
- 10:15 a.m.    **Worship at Faith**

### **Monday, September 1 Labor Day**

**NO WORSHIP AT FAITH**



**Fifth Sunday Blessing Offering  
at Faith  
Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

The offering will be given to the Klade Family to help with travel expenses back and forth to Madison for Cecelia.  
*If people would like to purchase Kwik Trip gift cards via Scrip that can be done as well.*

***End of Summer Events and Activities! Back to School!*** 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!*



**IRON SHARPENS IRON (ISI)**  
Sunday, September 14 at 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Pfingsten's home, W5110  
Nibler Road, Tomahawk

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

**NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERING**  
Tuesday, October 14  
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Weston





**Save the date – Saturday, September 27, 2025**

***Mark your calendars!***

Join the North Wisconsin and South Wisconsin LLL District at their annual joint convention hosted at Peace Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin.

All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour®.

Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission.

*More convention details will be shared later this summer.*

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