

Come unto me,

ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND  
ARE HEAVY LADEN,  
and I will give  
you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28, KJV

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**Luke 14:11 – “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10). That’s called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don’t. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.



**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 III**

### **LSB page 184**

### **OPENING HYMN**

***“Son of God, Eternal Savior”***

**LSB #842**

### **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 131



- P** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;  
my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.  
<sup>2</sup>But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

like a weaned child with its mother;  
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

**C** <sup>3</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**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 of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **CATECHISM REVIEW**

**P** *The First Article: Creation*

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth.**

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

**C** **I believe that God has made me and all creatures;  
that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears,  
and all my members, my reason and all my senses,  
and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Proverbs 25:2–10*

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things,  
but the glory of kings is to search things out.

<sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver,  
and the smith has material for a vessel;

<sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king,  
and his throne will be established in righteousness.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence

or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

<sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court,

for what will you do in the end,

when your neighbor puts you to shame?

<sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself,



and do not reveal another's secret,  
<sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 13:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?”

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him



outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

LSB 190

HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 14:1–14*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed



how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, 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

*“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”*

LSB #851

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

LSB 192

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 196

**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

LSB 202

## BENEDICTION

LSB 202

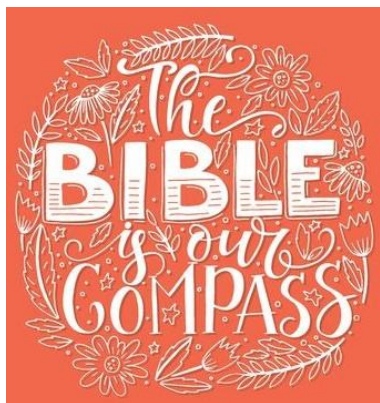
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*“O God, Forsake Me Not”*

LSB #731



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday:** 1 Kings 16:29 – 17:24;

2 Corinthians 9:1-15;

2 Corinthians 10:1 – 13:14

**Monday:** 1 Kings 18:1-19;

Ephesians 1:1-23

**Tuesday:** 1 Kings 18:20-40;

Ephesians 2:1-22

**Wednesday:** 1 Kings 19:1-21;

1 Kings: 20:1 – 22:53;

Ephesians 3:1-21

**Thursday:** 2 Kings 2:1-18;

Ephesians 4:1-24

**Friday:** 2 Kings 2:19-25; 2 Kings 4:1-7;

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:14

**Saturday:** 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Ephesians 5:15-33



## 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



**CONFIRMATION CLASS** starts

September 3 from 5:30 - 7:00

p.m.

at Faith Lutheran Church

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



Check Your  
Calendar

**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*

**Tuesday, September 2**

6:30 p.m. Women of Faith

**Wednesday, September 3**

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

**Thursday, September 4**

6:30 p.m. Mary Martha Guild

**Sunday, September 7**

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, September 8**

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

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

**Tuesday, September 9**

1:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith

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

7:15 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

**Wednesday, September 10**

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

**Thursday, September 11**

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



Mark Your  
Calendar

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS** starts  
September 11 from 10:30 – 11:30  
a.m. at St. John-Hamburg. *All are  
welcome!*

# UPCOMING *Events*

## 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 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Weston  
Brochures available in the back of both churches



## **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!*



Acknowledgments. Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise  
indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®),  
copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission.  
All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.

# *Afternoon of Organ Music*

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
W2604 County Hwy P Merrill, WI 54452

Sunday, September 7, 2025

3:00 PM

Presented by:  
Peggy Dahl-Bartunek



## **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

*(Please do not send hard cash through the mail)*

**Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at  
Pastor's (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith  
Lutheran Merrill Facebook Page**

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

# COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT

Sponsored by Luther Memorial Church  
N5308 Town Hall Rd., Gleason, WI

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 12 at 5PM**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**-Freewill offering

(Serving until gone)



**PRESENTATION:**

**Kelly O'Day from Thrivent Investments**



**MOVIE UNDER THE STARS:**  
**"Secondhand Lions"**

**Bonfire with S'mores** (weather permitting)

Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.

For more info contact Jan Tesch, 715-921-2398



Always  
give  
yourselves  
fully to  
the work  
of the  
Lord ...

LABOR  
*Day*