



The grass withers,
the flower fades,
but the word of
our God
will stand forever.

ISAIAH 40:8, ESV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 7, 2025 10:15 a.m.

Romans 10:15a – “And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” Each week in the Lord's House, the Word goes out to us. Indeed, every day and all around the world, the Word goes out wherever it is preached and read. This brings us great joy, but even more joy is derived from realizing that God has blessed us with being part of this sending of the Word. From the blessings God gives us, we return a portion to Him in the church for His work. And thus we are doubly blessed. We receive the Word, and we get to send it forth to others.



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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DIVINE SERVICE IV
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OPENING HYMN

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB #594

HOLY BAPTISM
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Baptism of

Violet Evelyn Ermeling

Born May 2, 2025

Daughter of Samantha Rae Schade

Sponsors are

Mikayla Klade, Natalie Ollhoff,

Dawson Schade, Lucas Klade



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.

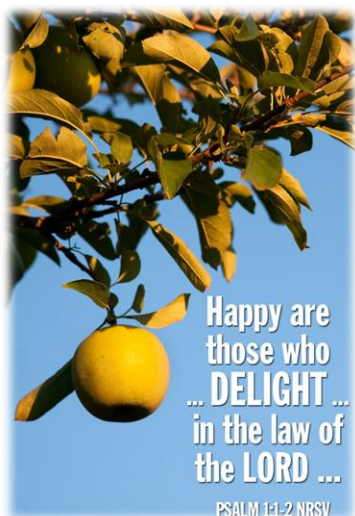
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM 1



P ¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of
the wicked,
nor stands in the way of
sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C ²but his delight is in the law
of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates
day and night.

P ³He is like a tree planted by
streams of water that yields its
fruit in its season, and its leaf
does not wither. In all that he
does, he prospers.

C ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

C ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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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.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CATECHISM REVIEW

P *The Second Article: Redemption*

C 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.

P *What does this mean?*

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of

the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your



God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare

to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I

prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

REFRESH
my
HEART
in
CHRIST.



PHILEMON 1:20

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–35

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and

brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to



encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LSB #660

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB #781 *sts. 1–2*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

G 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

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake” **LSB #688**

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior” **LSB #619**

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

NUNC DIMITTIS

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

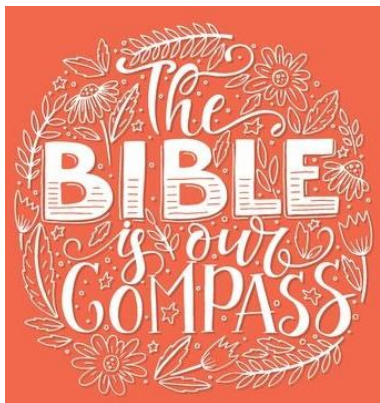
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB #918

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: 2 Kings 4:38 – 5:8
Ephesians 6:1-24

Monday: 2 Kings 5:9-27;
Philippians 1:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Kings 6:1 – 8:29;
Philippians 1:21 – 2:11

Wednesday: 2 Kings 9:1-13;
2 Kings 10:18-29;
2 Kings 13:1 – 18:8;
Philippians 2:12-30

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 29:1-24; Philippians 3:1-21

Friday: 2 Chronicles 31:1-21; Philippians 4:1-23

Saturday: 2 Chronicles 32:1-22;
Hosea 1:1 – 14:9; Colossians 1:1-23



**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



We pray for the family
of

*Loyd
Kleinschmidt*

April 26, 1927 – August 29, 2025

The funeral service for Loyd will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. Visitation, also at the church, begins at 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will immediately follow the service at the Scott Cemetery.

CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

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



**Check Your
Calendar**

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

Saturday, September 13

- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build

Sunday, September 14 RALLY DAY

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

Sunday School during the sermon at St. John's

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

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

- 11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

- 4:30 p.m. ISI at the Pfingsten Home, Tomahawk

Monday, September 15

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Sunday School is back in session

Classes at St. John's
during the sermon

Classes at Faith
begin at 9:30 a.m.



COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS

starts September 11 from 10:30 –
11:30 a.m. at St. John-Hamburg.

All are welcome!

IRON SHARPENS IRON (ISI)

Sunday, September 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Bruce Pfingsten's home, W5110 Nibler Road, Tomahawk



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE/BUNK ACROSS AMERICA BED BUILD

Saturday, September 13 from 9 a.m.
– 1 p.m. at Burnett Transit Bus
Garage, Dorchester

Please go to the Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Spencer website to register as a volunteer or you may also register on site that Saturday morning.

All ages welcome – there is a job for everyone.

For more information, you may contact Bonnie Grueneberg at 715-613-0003.



Saturday, September 27. 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. Information available from the North Wisconsin District Office at 715-845-8241

The **NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERING** will be held on October 14, 2025 at Mt. Olive, Weston. The speaker is Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola. "On Our Way Home: A Journey through the Lord's Prayer." Deadline to register is September 26. Brochures and registration pamphlets are available in the back of both Faith and St. John's Churches. For more information contact the North Wisconsin District Office at 715-845-8241

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!*





POLKA SERVICE

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

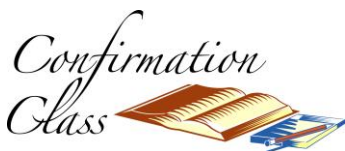
Pots-Blessing following
the Service with a Free
Will Offering. BBQ, Chips
and Refreshments will be
provided

Proceeds will be given to the Klade family.

*For those that are able, please bring a
dish to pass. A sign up sheet will be in
the back of church starting Sunday,
September 7 to sign up for your potluck
dish.*



Potluck



CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Wednesdays
from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
at Faith Lutheran Church**

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)

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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