



"STOP
AND CONSIDER
THE
wondrous
WORKS OF GOD."

JOB 37:14, ESV



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 21 8:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Monday, September 22, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Luke 17:19 – “And He said to him, ‘Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Only one of the 10 lepers who had been cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action – as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.



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

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB #575

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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession and Absolution

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 113

- P** ¹Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!



- C** ²Blessèd be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and
forevermore!

- P** ³From the rising of the sun to
its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be
praised!

- C** ⁴The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

- P** ⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
⁶who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

- C** ⁷He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
⁸to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

- P** ⁹He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother
of children. Praise the LORD!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 Third Article: Sanctification*

C 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.

P *What does this mean?*

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,

⁵saying, “When will the new moon
be over,

that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

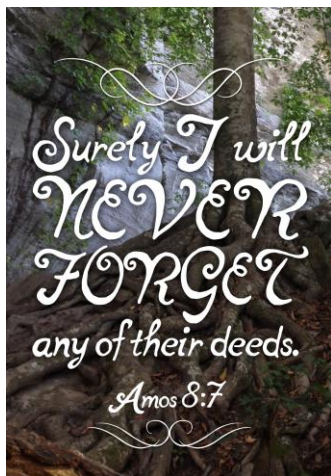
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small
and the shekel great

and deal deceitfully with false
balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for
silver

and the needy for a pair of
sandals

and sell the chaff of the wheat?”



⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for
kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a
peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This
is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who



desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or

quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

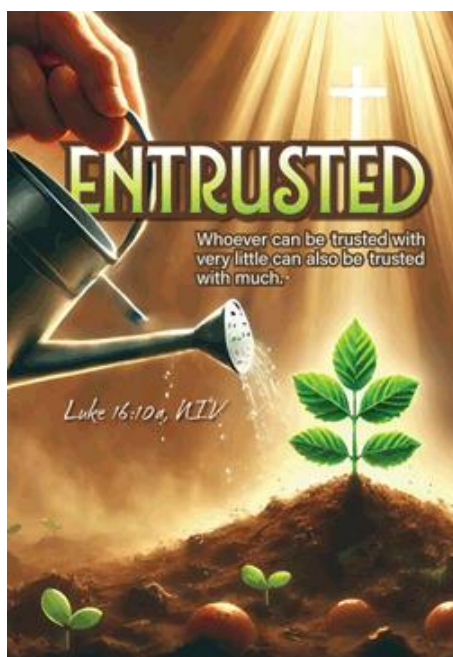
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’

He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is



also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

LSB #738

Sermon

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.

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymns

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

LSB #819

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LSB #793

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

LSB #350

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.

Benediction

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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

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” **LSB #917**

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Sunday School is back in session

Classes at St. John's
during the sermon
Classes at Faith
begin at 9:15 a.m.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Nehemiah 5:1-16

Nehemiah 6:1-9, 15-16; 1 Timothy 4:1-16

Monday: Nehemiah 7:1-4;

Nehemiah 8:1-18; Ezra 1:1 – 10:19; 1 Timothy 5:1-16

Tuesday: Nehemiah 9:1-21; 1 Timothy 5:17 – 6:2

Wednesday: Nehemiah 9:22-38; Nehemiah 10: 1 – 13:31;
1 Timothy 6:3-21

Thursday: Malachi 1:1-14; Matthew 3:1-17

Friday: Malachi 2:1 – 3:5; Matthew 4:1-11

Saturday: Malachi 3:6 – 4:6; Matthew 4:12-25



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 Wednesdays

from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS

on Thursdays

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



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, September 21

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

Sunday School during the sermon at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

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

Monday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 24

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, September 25

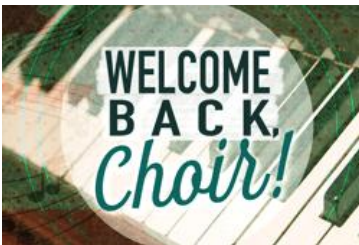
10:30 a.m. Community Bible Class at St. John's

Sunday, September 28

10:00 a.m. POLKA SERVICE at Faith

Monday, September 29

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith



CHOIR AT FAITH will
resume on Mondays at 5:30
p.m. beginning in October.
*New members are always
welcome.*



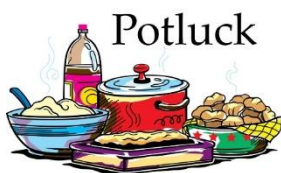
POLKA SERVICE

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.*



FALL IS APPROACHING! FOOTBALL! BASEBALL! 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!

UPCOMING *Events*

+ St. John's is in need of candy
donations

for their **TRUNK AND TREAT
EVENT** on October 25 in St.

John's Parking lot starting at 2:00 p.m.

*Please donate candies that would not promote
anything scary or supernatural.*

+ Special Church **VETERANS DAY SERVICE** and
Breakfast November 9. *Everyone is welcome.*

+ Old but Useable **GUITARS**. Do you have an old but
usable guitar that you would be willing to donate? *Pastor
Love will be offering free guitar lessons on Thursday
afternoons at St. John's - Hamburg.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Merrill, WI 54452

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