



All Saints' Day

**Faith Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 2, 2025**

Matthew 5:6 – “*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*” You only hunger and thirst for what you don’t have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness — His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.



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

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OPENING HYMN

“By All Your Saints in Warfare”

LSB #517

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.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- 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.**

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 149

P ¹Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

C ²Let Israel be glad in his
Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice
in their King!

P ³Let them praise his name with
dancing,
making melody to him with
tambourine and lyre!

C ⁴For the LORD takes pleasure
in his people;
he adorns the humble with
salvation.

P ⁵Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.



C ⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
⁷to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,

P ⁸to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
⁹to execute on them the judgment written!

C This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the
LORD!

KYRIE

LSB 152

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:1–17

¹After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm

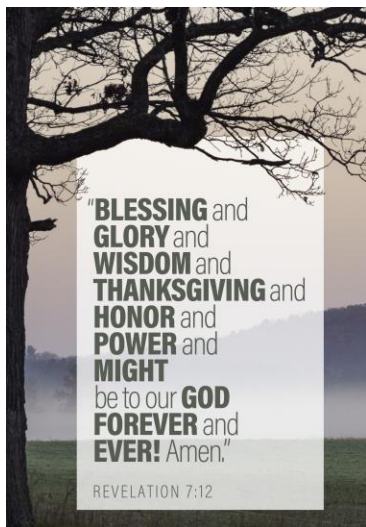
earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation

belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the



great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with
his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their
shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE *1 John 3:1–3*

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



SERMON HYMN “*For All the Saints*” LSB #677sts. 1–5

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

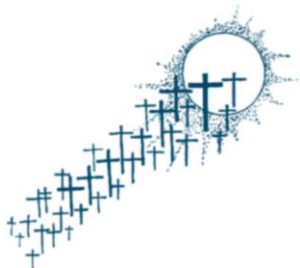
☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

We remember, the faithful departed of our congregations, whose steadfast confession of faith we heard, who joined us in worshiping our Lord with their voice, who communed with us at the Lord’s Table and said AMEN!

All Saints’ Day



This year we remember:

Randy Braatz – 70 years

Ron Lang – 84 years

Mabel Marquardt – 101 years

Loyd Kleinschmidt – 98 years

We remember and are reminded again that we, too, are God’s saints, redeemed by the blood of Christ and called to serve the purposes of His kingdom.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB #781 sts. 1–2

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

☐ 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.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

CLOSING HYMN *“For All the Saints”* LSB #677 sts. 6–8

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Sunday: Jeremiah 1:1-19;
Matthew 21:23-46

Monday: Jeremiah 3:6 – 4:2;
Matthew 22:1-22

Tuesday: Jeremiah 5:1-19;

Matthew 22:23-46

Wednesday: Jeremiah 7:1-29; Matthew 23:1-12

Thursday: Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:12; Matthew 23:13-39

Friday: Jeremiah 11:1-23; Jeremiah 12:1 – 19:15;
Matthew 24:1-28

Saturday: Jeremiah 20:1-18; Matthew 24:29-51

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

Duane Grunenwald Gerhard Hanneman

Angie Harkner Dale Janisch

Cecelia & Lucille Klade

Lorraine Kleinschmidt Rob Koebe

Kim Love Bob Meyer Gene Mootz Debbie Olson

Mark Pester Bob Porath Marge Radenz Karen Rajek

Rod and Laurie Runge Jo Schedler Audrey Steckling

Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech Deb Wiederhoeft

Florence Williamson Susie and Ellie Zastrow



ST. JOHN'S and FAITH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 2

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

11:15 a.m. Pancake Dinner at Faith

Monday, November 3

5:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at Faith

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

Tuesday, November 4

1:00 p.m. Women of Faith

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

Wednesday, November 5

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, November 6

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

6:30 p.m. Mary Martha Guild at St. John's

Sunday, November 9 VETERANS' SERVICE

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

Sunday School during the sermon at St. John's

9:30 a.m. Breakfast at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

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

3:00 p.m. New Group at Faith: "Inspired Singles"

Monday, November 10

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

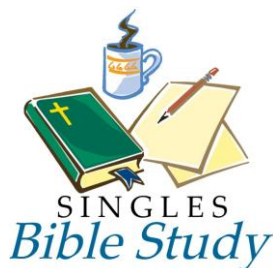
6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Tuesday, November 11

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

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

**INSPIRED SINGLES: ALONE,
BUT NOT ALONE.** Please come and
join us on November 9, at 3:00 p.m. at
Faith Lutheran Church as we discuss
starting a New Singles group.



Special Church **VETERANS DAY SERVICES** at St. John's and Faith
on Sunday, November 9.

*Breakfast following worship at St.
John's. Everyone is welcome.*



CONFIRMATION CLASSES on Wednesdays
at 5:30 p.m. at Faith.

THURSDAY COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS at
10:30 a.m. at St. John's

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Classes will meet during the
sermon at St. John's.
classes are at 9:15 a.m. at Faith.**





FALL EVENT

LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

N5302 Townhall Road and Highway 17,
Gleason

Harvest Dinner on November 17

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Buffet of Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes,
Stuffing, Squash, salads and desserts

Dine In, Carryout, Drive Through

Adults \$13 Child 6-12 \$7 5 and under
Free

FALL SPORTS ARE IN FULL SWING!!

Whether you are cheering for the Badgers, Packers, Bucks and/or your favorite high school teams, don't forget your tailgating and celebration supplies whether at home or away. It's also time to remember those supplies for fall harvest or yard work. Holidays are coming up soon. Pick up scrip for all your household needs. Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program. ... *All without it costing you an extra penny!.*



TODAY

All You Can Eat

PANCAKE DINNER and BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 2

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the Pancake Dinner today will be gift cards given to teachers at both Trinity Lutheran-Merrill and St. John-Merrill to purchase items for their classrooms



Annual FRUIT SALE

Order forms are in

the back of the church

For more information, contact Terry Seidler
at 715-203-5736

All are welcome to order

ST. JOHN'S HUNTERS' SERVICE

Wednesday, November 19

Meal 6:00 p.m. Worship at 6:30 p.m.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP AT FAITH

Wednesday, November 26

6:30 p.m.

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/>



Circuit 6
Feed My Starving Children
and Mall of America trip
November 15, 2025

Saturday, November 15th

- 7:30 a.m. Loading @ Faith – Merrill
- 7:45 a.m. Depart Faith – Merrill
- 8:30 a.m. Pick-up @ Zion – Colby
- We will do a break stop @ Kwik Trip – Baldwin Exit*
- 11:30-11:45 a.m. Arrival time @ Feed My Starving Children – Eagan, MN
- 12:00 – 1:45 p.m. Feed My Starving Children
- 2:15 p.m. Arrival time @ Mall of America
- 5:30 p.m. Departure time from Mall of America
- **We will travel straight through going home, so you will either want to eat while you are at the mall or bring your food onto the coach to eat on the way home.*
- 8:00 p.m. Est. return time to Zion – Colby
- 8:45 p.m. Est. return time to Faith – Merrill

****Cost is \$40.00 per person to cover the cost of the motorcoach transportation.**

****All ages are welcome at Feed My Starving Children – youth under the age of 14 need to be with an adult unless other arrangements have been made with their individual church group.**

****While at the Mall of America anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult beginning at 3:00 p.m. – everyone must be able to show proof of identification with either a State Issued Driver's License or a State Issued ID Card. School I.D.'s are not accepted.**



Christmas Stars

A Christmas Spectacular

Saturday, December 6th

Enjoy a day away! We will travel via Progressive Travel motorcoach to the Appleton area. **Departure from Faith Lutheran Church - Merrill - will be at 8:00 a.m.** to arrive at the **Fox River Mall** for a little shopping time and lunch on your own. Our next stop is at the **Xavier Fine Arts Center** to see the Christmas Stars production of "**A Christmas Spectacular**"! Get ready to see some fantastic talent from local folks of all ages from little tots on up to senior adults. Xavier Fine Arts puts on two shows a year, All Rise! for Easter and Christmas Stars for this time of year. The show last year included over three hundred people! Enjoy a mixture of comedy, dance, singing and the full Christmas Story! On our-way home we will make a stop at **Culver's** in St. Point with an estimate return time to Merrill at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$80.00 per person (inc. deluxe motorcoach transportation and show ticket)

Reserve a seat today by calling or texting **Bonnie Grueneberg** at 715-613-0003. Deadline: November 1, 2025. Once confirmed, fill out the form below and send it along with your full payment to:



Progressive Travel, Inc.
211085 State Highway 13, Spencer, WI 54479
Attn: Bonnie

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Make checks payable to: Progressive Travel, Inc