



Wrap us in your
warm love
on this
winter day,
O God,
as we gather
to praise you
and
hear your Word.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Confession of St. Peter
Sunday, January 18 and
Monday, January 19, 2026

John 1:29 – “*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’*” The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His.

Welcome to Worship

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.

Order Of Worship
Divine Service III
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Opening Hymn

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” **LSB #524**

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.

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.**

Confession and Absolution

*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.

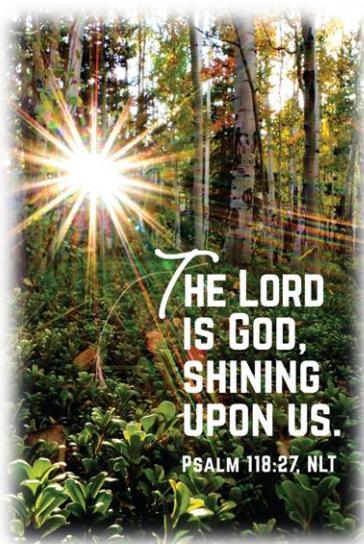
Service of the Word

Psalm 118:19-29

P ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

C **²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;**
the righteous shall enter through it.

P ²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.



C **²²The stone that the
builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

P ²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

C **²⁴This is the day that the
LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in
it.**

P ²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us
success!

C **²⁶Blessèd is he who comes
in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house
of the LORD.**

P 27 The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

C 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
29 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

C 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.

Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; 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: Holy Baptism - Third Part

P How can water do such great things?
C Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no

Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.”

(Titus 3:5–8)

First Reading

Acts 4:8–13

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is

salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.



- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P What we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord.
We also believe, and so we also speak,
as one who speaks oracles of God.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Epistle

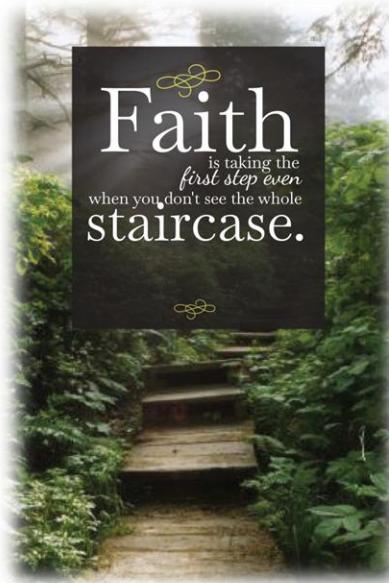
2 Peter 1:1–15

¹Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are



yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.
C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the



If any want to
become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross
and follow me.

Mark 8:34, NRSV

chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever

would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

LSB #900

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P 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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Peter, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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

LSB 197

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 $\text{\tfrac{1}{2}}$ 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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymns

"The Lamb" LSB #547
"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" LSB #822
"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB #617

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

¶ 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 give you peace.

¶ Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn “*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*”

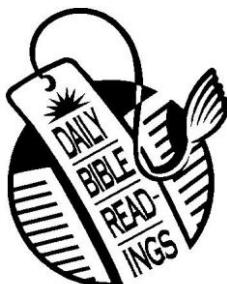
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Sunday: Ezekial 40:1 – 43:1-27;

Romans 8:18-39

Monday: Ezekial 44:1-16, 23-29;

Romans 9:1-18

Tuesday: Ezekial 47:1-14, 21-23;

Romans 9:19-33

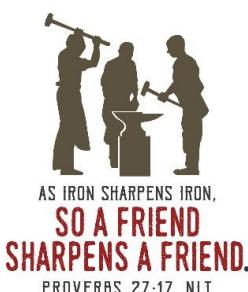
Wednesday: Joel 1:1-20;

Romans 10:1-21

Thursday: Joel 2:1-17; Romans 11:1-24

Friday: Joel 2:18-32; Romans 11:25 – 12:13

Saturday: Joel 3 :1-21; Romans 12:14 – 13:14



AS IRON SHARPENS IRON,

SO A FRIEND

SHARPENS A FRIEND.

PROVERBS 27:17, NLT

ISI

Sunday, January 18 4:30 p.m.

Mark Czech's Cabin

W10661 Cedar Road, Merrill

Pastor Love will be departing Faith parking lot at 4:00 p.m. for those who choose to follow him



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 Hannemann
Angie Harkner Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade
Rob Koebe Hugo Koppa Karen Love Bob Meyer
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Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech
Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson Laurie Young
Susie and Ellie Zastrow



ST. JOHN'S and FAITH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's
Sunday School during Sermon
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
4:30 p.m. ISI at Mark Czech's Cabin

Monday, January 19

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

Wednesday, January 21

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith
7:00 p.m. Youth Group at Faith

Thursday, January 22

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

Sunday, January 25

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's
Sunday School during Sermon
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting at Faith

Monday, January 26

5:30 p.m. NO CHOIR REHEARSALS
UNTIL WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

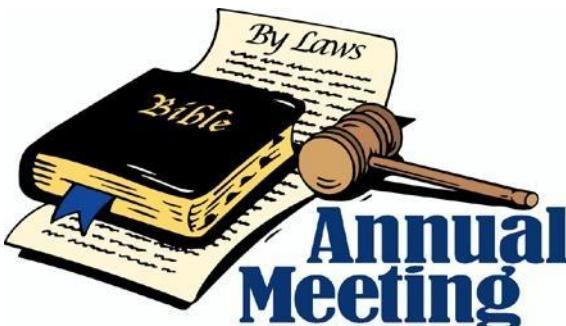
6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Wednesday, January 28

10:00 a.m. Ablelight
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, January 29

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



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING at Faith

Sunday, January 25

11:30 a.m.

*All Officers' and Committee Reports
should be in the church office by Tuesday, January 13.*



MARY MARTHA GUILD

Winter Luncheon

Saturday, January 24 at 12
noon

Friendship House, Merrill
Please contact Sarah White at
St. John's for more information
and if you plan to attend



*Special thanks
to Lee and Diane Pfaff for
donating a case of wine to the
Altar Guild at Faith
Lutheran Church. We are
truly grateful!*

St John's - Hamburg Spring Hanging Basket Sale

Order forms are in the back of church. Your order needs to be paid in full, and submitted to St. John's Lutheran Church by February 28. Please include your name, address and phone number. Orders will be ready for pickup on Friday, May 8 in St. John's parking lot between noon and 4 pm. Please mail your orders and a check for the balance to St. John's Lutheran Church 134058 County Road L, Hamburg, WI 54411. Attention Diane Hinz.

(At Faith, order forms are on the Scrip table in the narthex)



IT'S WINTER with unpredictable weather! Be sure to pick up scrip cards for your upcoming events in 2026 including family gatherings, sporting events and all other dates on your calendar.. Pick up scrip for all your household needs as well. Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program. ... *All without it costing you an extra penny!*



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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

15425 County Road K South

Merrill, WI 54452 or

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

134058 County Road L

Athens, WI 54411

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Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at Pastor's (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith Lutheran Church, or on the church website at www.faithlutheranmerrill.com

Circuit Youth Retreat

SUN. FEBRUARY, 8TH



10:30am Worship @ Trinity Lutheran, Merrill

Lunch Immediately Following

1-5pm Community Day at Camp Forest Springs

Grounds Pass: \$15 suggested donation



<https://forestsprings.us/events/community-events/community-days>



Tubing included
in grounds pass



Ski rental
\$15 downhill
\$13 cross-country



Snowboard
rental \$15



Snowshoes
rental \$8

FOREST SPRINGS.

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DO NOT FEAR,
for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name,
YOU ARE MINE.

Isaiah 43:1, NRSV