

PEACE OF GOD

*...shall keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:7, KJV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
The Confession of St. Paul
Sunday, January 25 and
Monday, January 26, 2026

Matthew 4:20 – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

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 Worship
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**Opening Hymn
“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”**

LSB #913

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 \ddagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 67

P ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

C ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

P ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

C ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

P ⁶The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

C ⁷God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!



PSALM 67:1, ESV

Kyrie LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant us ever to rejoice in the saving light of Your Gospel and, following the example of the apostle Paul, to spread it to the ends of the earth; 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

Holy Baptism - Fourth Part

P *What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

C **I**t indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P *Where is this written?*

C **S**t. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)

First Reading

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,

¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For

I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales

fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 1:11–24

¹¹For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man’s gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I



received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

The one who formerly was
PERSECUTING
us is now
PROCLAIMING
the faith he once tried to destroy.

Galatians 1:23, NRSV

¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹Then I went

into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²²And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

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

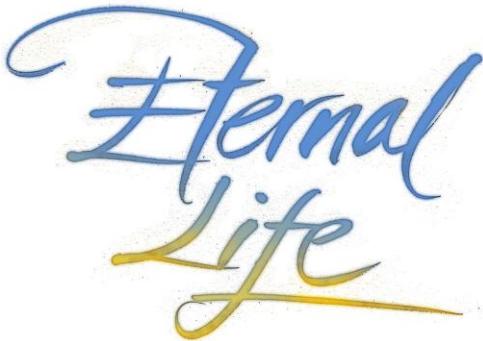
Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 19:27–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.



²⁷Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me

will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn
“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB #611

Sermon

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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Hymn

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB #806

Prayers of the Church

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.

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 \dagger give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB #685

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Sunday: Zechariah 1:1-21;

Romans 14:1-23

Monday: Zechariah 2:1 – 3:10;

Romans 15:1-13

Tuesday: Zechariah 4:1 – 5:11;

Romans 15:14-33

Wednesday: Zechariah 6:1 – 7:14;

Romans 16:17-27

Thursday: Zechariah 8:1-23; 2 Timothy 1:1-18

Friday: Zechariah 9:1-17; 2 Timothy 2:1-26

Saturday: Zechariah 10:1 – 11:3; 2 Timothy 3:1-17



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

Gene Mootz Debbie Olson Mark Pester Bob Porath

Marge Radenz Karen Rajek Jo Schedler Audrey

Steckling Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech

Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson Laurie Young

Susie and Ellie Zastrow



ST. JOHN'S and FAITH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, February 1

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
11:15 a.m. Stewardship and Evangelism at Faith
4:30 p.m. ISI at John Sturm's Home

Monday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

1:00 p.m. Women of Faith
6:30 p.m. Dual Parish Meeting at Faith

Wednesday, February 4

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, February 5

10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's
6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Guild at St. John's



AS IRON SHARPENS IRON,
**SO A FRIEND
SHARPENS A FRIEND.**

PROVERBS 27:17, NLT

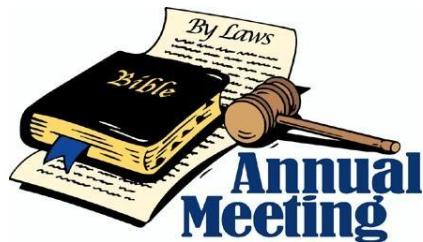
ISI

*Sunday, February 1 4:30 p.m.
John Sturm's Home
239147 Deer Creek Lane
Marathon*

Topic - Men of God: Elijah and Elisha

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

**ANNUAL CHURCH
MEETING at Faith
TODAY
Sunday, January 25 at
11:30 a.m.**



INSPIRED SINGLES
will meet on Sunday, February 8
at 12:30 p.m. at Pine Ridge Restaurant
Plans include a guest speaker. Watch for details.



**Tuesday,
February 3
6:30 p.m.
at Faith
Lutheran
Church**

Missionary Sunday

Sunday, February 15

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

Worship at Faith at 10:15 a.m.

Special Guest Speaker

Rev. Cory J. Rajek

Former member of Faith

Currently Executive Director

LCMS Office of International Mission

Also Bring a Friend Sunday



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!*



Lent 2025 begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18

Services will be held on Wednesdays at St. John's at 6:30 p.m.

A Lenten meal will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. each week

Services will be held on Thursdays at Faith at 11:00 a.m. and 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 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>



FOREST SPRINGS.

CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

St. John's Sleigh Ride Get Together

Friday, February 6, at 4:00 p.m.



**Sleigh Ride at Willow Springs (5480 Hillcrest Drive, Wausau)
Optional Soup and Sandwich Meal Follows**

**Ride to the woods for a campfire and hot drink.
(Total ride and woods time is about 1 1/2 hours.)**

Last Sign Up Date is February 1

Cost: Sleigh Ride Only - \$18 per person (Ages 5 and under are free)

**Sleigh Ride With Soup and Sandwich - \$26 per person
(Ages 5 and under are free)**

Payment due by February 1. Write checks out to St. John's Church and submit to Lori Baumann, Joy Free, Diane Hinz, or Kathy Sturm.

***In the event Willow Springs would cancel due to circumstances beyond their control, such as weather conditions, a full refund will be issued.**



May the God of hope
fill you with all **JOY AND PEACE**
as you trust in him so that
you may overflow with **HOPE**
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13