

Missions Sunday



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
The Transfiguration of our Lord
Sunday, February 15, 2026**

Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.



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.

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Divine Service III

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Opening Hymn

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

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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.

Confession and Absolution

- 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.**

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

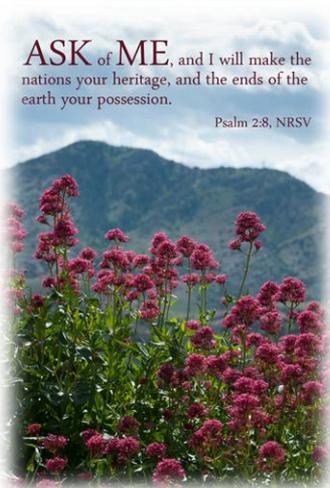
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

- 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 2:6-12

P ⁶“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”



C ⁷I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

P ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

C ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

P ¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

C ¹¹**Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.**

P ¹²Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

C **Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**

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

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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 with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son
You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony
of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright
cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace.
Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and
bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven;
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

The Sacrament of the Altar - Part One

P *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

C **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself
for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

P *Where is this written?*

C The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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.”

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8–18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their



instruction.” ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

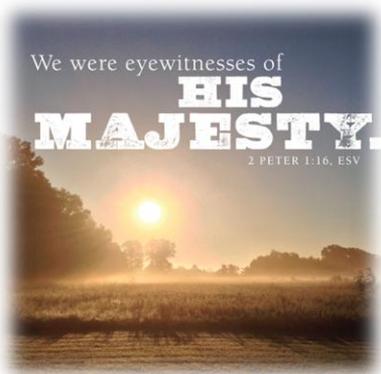
Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

P Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and



the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

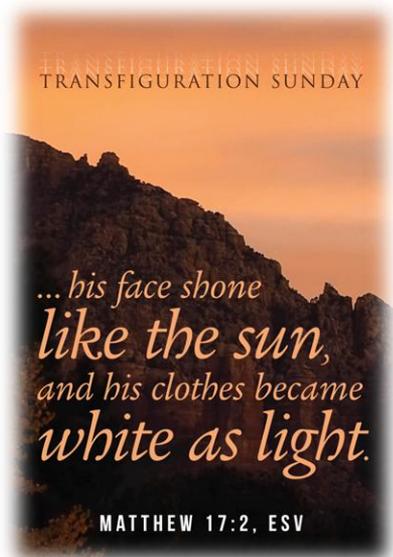
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.



¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He

was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

"Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

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Sermon "No One But Jesus Only"

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Offertory

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- 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

Lord's Prayer

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- 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.

Benedicamus

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- P** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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- P** 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.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn

“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

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Sunday: Job 11:1-20; John 5:19-29

Monday: Job 12:1-6, 12-25; John 5:30-47

Tuesday: Job 13:1-12; John 6:1-21

Wednesday: Job 13:13-28; John 6:22-40

Thursday: Job 14:1-22; John 6:41-59

Friday: Job 15:1-23, 30-35; John 6:60-71

Saturday: Job 16:1-22; John 7:1-13



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following
in your prayers:*

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SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Cory Rajek will host a
Bible Study following the worship
service at Faith

ST. JOHN'S and FAITH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 15

Missionary Sunday

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

11:15 a.m. Special Bible Study at
Faith



Monday, February 16

NO MONDAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 18 *Ash Wednesday*

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal at St. John's

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

Thursday, February 19 *Ash Wednesday*

11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

1:15 p.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's

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

Sunday, February 22

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

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

Monday, February 22

NO MONDAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 24

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal at St. John's

6:30 p.m. Worship at St. John's

Thursday, February 25

11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

1:15 p.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

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

SPECIAL THANKS

Pastor Rajek, we thank the Lord for you and your faith and dedication. Your words today were insightful and truthful. We are blessed by your ministry. May God bless you!



The congregations of St. John's and Faith Lutheran Churches



GRIEFSHARE begins February 23, 2025 and meets weekly for 13 weeks from 6-7:30 p.m. at Trinity, Merrill Whether it has been recent or many years since the loss of a friend,

spouse, parent, sibling or child, all are welcome, For more information or to register, call 715-536-5482.



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)*

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!*



2026 Lenten Midweek Series

Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus—



Ash Wednesday, February 18-19

The Good News of a God Who Hears and Answers Cries
Exodus 2:23–25

Lenten Midweek 2, February 25-26

The Good News of a God Who Reveals Himself to Us,
Exodus 3:1–15

Lenten Midweek 3, March 4-5

The Good News of a God Who Sends a Deliverer, Exodus 4:1–20

Lenten Midweek 4, March 11-12

The Good News of a God Who Passes over Us in Mercy,
Exodus 12:1–14

Lenten Midweek 5, March 18-19

The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us,
Exodus 14:5–31

Lenten Midweek 6, March 25-26

The Good News of a God Who Sustains on Our Journey,
Exodus 16:1–18



Jesus

*paid for our sins not only
in part but in full.*

So if the Son sets you free,
you will be free indeed.

John 8:36

Wednesday Services

6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal at
St. John's

6:30 p.m. Worship at
St. John's

Thursday Services

11:00 a.m. Worship at
Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at
Faith



LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATIONS

**First Presbyterian Church
406 Grant Street
Wausau, Wisconsin 54403**

**Fridays from
12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

*Come for a time of meditation and music
during the lunch hour*

February 27 - Irene Beethe

**March 6 - Patrick Burkhart,
Mark Schroeder, Isaac Tritz**

March 13 - George Felty

March 20 - Dan Larson

**March 27 - Bryan Higgins-Moe,
Jacob Drenkler**

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Free Will Offering

**YOUTH EVENT: Watch for details! CIRCUIT
ROLLERSKATING at Melody Gardens, Marshfield, March 27.**
Register by emailing youthgroup@stjohnmerrill.com

**NOTE CHANGE IN COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY
on Thursdays at St. John's is at 1:15 p.m.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Lord, to help us keep our ministry going. You can also
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**For God
so loved
the world.**

JOHN 3:16

