



Easter reminds us:
GOD KEEPS
His promises.

Third Sunday of Easter

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – Hamburg

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Monday, April 20, 2026

6:30 p.m.



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 close 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 Service
Divine Service III
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Opening Hymn "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB #474

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 116:1-14

P¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C² **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

P³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

C⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

P⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

our God is merciful.



C⁶ **The LORD preserves
the simple;
when I was
brought low, he saved
me.**

P⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

C⁸ **For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;**

P⁹ I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

C¹⁰ **I believed, even when I spoke,
“I am greatly afflicted”;**

P¹¹ I said in my alarm,
“All mankind are liars.”

C¹² **What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?**

P¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

C¹⁴ **I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.**

Gloria Patri

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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, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the

Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those



who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.



THE WORD OF GOD
ENDURES FOREVER

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged



him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and

blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB #563

Sermon

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

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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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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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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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.”

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

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

LSB #461

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB #566

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB #427

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

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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 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

LSB #919

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS



Sunday: Exodus 32:15-35; Luke 6:39-49

Monday: Exodus 33:1-23; Luke 7:1-17

Tuesday: Exodus 34:1-28; Luke 7:18-35

Wednesday: Exodus 34:29 – 35:21;
Exodus 35:22 – 38:20; Luke 7:36-50

Thursday: Exodus 38:21 – 39:8, 22-23,
27-31; Luke 8:1-21

Friday: Exodus 39:32 – 40:16;
Luke 8:22-39

Saturday: Exodus 40:17-38; Leviticus 1:1 – 7:38;
Luke 8:40-56

CHURCH CALENDAR

ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, April 19

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

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



11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
2:00 p.m. Softball League Meeting at Faith

Monday, April 20

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Wednesday, April 22

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

Sunday, April 26

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's
10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith
11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
6:30 p.m. Living River Concert at Faith

Monday, April 27

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Wednesday, April 29

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, April 30

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



**FAITH and ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

*Please remember the following in
your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Lisa Burish
Joe Calmes David Czech

Doris Dahlke Rodney Dahlke Alice Fromm
Christopher Emmerich Wallace Emmerich

Jim Goetsch Duane Grunenwald Gerhard Hannemann

Angie Harkner Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade

Rob Koebe Jim Koebe Hugo Koppa Karen Love

Bob Meyer Gene Mootz Debbie Olson

Sarah Piel Mark Pester Bob Porath Marge Radenz

Karen Rajek Jo Schedler MiKenzie Schultz

Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech

Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson Laurie Young

Susie and Ellie Zastrow

Vacation Bible School Kickoff



Sunday, May 3 after church services. A chance to see what we're doing this year and for adults, children and volunteers to sign up to volunteer. VBS will be June 8-10.

VBS planning meeting

at Faith on Sunday, May 17 at 12:15 p.m.



Inspired Singles

Friday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m.

*Fish Fry Fellowship
at Schulz's Country Inn*

Potluck at Faith

*The **BABY CARE ITEMS** gathered during Lent at Faith were delivered to HAVEN, the MAC Home and Our Saviour's Church for their Diaper Closet.*

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Faith Evangelism and Stewardship



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www.faithlutheranmerrill.com

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRESENTS



LIVE IN CONCERT!

Sunday, April 26, 2026

6:30 pm

Ice Cream Social to Follow!

*Free admission with a non-perishable food item
for the Merrill Food Pantry!*

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JOIN US FOR VBS AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
15425 S. COUNTY ROAD K, MERRILL

June 8 - 10, 2026

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(Meal starting at 5:00 p.m.)

*Provided by Faith Lutheran Church, Merrill and
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Bible Adventures