

God has
ascended
amid shouts of
joy, the LORD
amid the
sounding of
trumpets.

Psalm 47:5



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 17, 2026
Monday, May 18, 2026**

Acts 1:11 – “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This knowledge makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.



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."*

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Opening Hymn

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

LSB #663

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 68:1-10

P ¹God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!

C ²**As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;**

**as wax melts before fire,
so the wicked shall perish before God!**

P ³But the righteous shall be glad;
they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!

C ⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;**

**his name is the LORD;
exult before him!**

P ⁵Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

C ⁶**God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

P ⁷O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

Lift up a song
to him who rides
upon the
clouds—



C ⁸**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.**

P ⁹Rain in abundance, O God,
you shed abroad;
you restored your inheritance as
it languished;

C ¹⁰**your flock found a dwelling
in it;**

**in your goodness, O God, you
provided for the needy.**

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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to



Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart."

Acts 1:24, NRSV

the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said,

¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of



God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Alleluia

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CHORAL SELECTION *(Faith)*

“We Thank Thee Jesus, Dearest Friend”

Holy Gospel

John 17:1–11

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

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

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that



you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the

world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB #779

Sermon

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



NEW MEMBERS (*St. John's*)

*Ryan and Sarah Piel
Nolan and Peter*

Welcome to the Piel family as part of our St. John's church family. We invite you to contribute your unique gifts and talents to the church's activities and ministries. We look forward to all the opportunities we have to grow together in faith and fellowship. God bless you!

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore 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 Lay My Sins on Jesus”

LSB #606

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB #821

“Earth and All Stars”

LSB #817

Nunc Dimittis

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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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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 “Jesus Shall Reign”

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Numbers 14:1-25; Luke 18-34

Monday: Numbers 14:26-45;

Numbers 15:1-41; Luke 18:35 – 19:10



Tuesday: Numbers 16:1-22;

Luke 19:11-28

Wednesday: Numbers 16:23-40;

Luke 19:29-48

Thursday: Numbers 16:41 – 17:13;

Numbers 18:1 – 19:22;

Luke 20:1-18

Friday: Numbers 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44

Saturday: Numbers 20:22 – 21:19; Luke 20:45 – 21:19



VBS planning meeting
at Faith
today, Sunday, May 17
at 12:15 p.m.



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
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Susie and Ellie Zastrow



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH Sunday, May 17

8:30 a.m. Worship with
Holy Communion at St.
John's
9:30 a.m. Choir
Rehearsal at Faith

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

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
12:15 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting at Faith
2:30 p.m. Church Softball League at Faith
4:30 p.m. ISI at Pine Ridge Restaurant, Merrill

Monday, May 18

5:30 p.m. NO Choir Rehearsal at Faith

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

Wednesday, May 20

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 24

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

Monday, May 25

No Monday Worship

Wednesday, May 27

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

Thursday, May 28

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



**2026 Church Softball League
today, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. at
Faith**

May 24:

No games Memorial Day

ISI (Iron Sharpens Iron)

Today, Sunday, May 17

4:30 p.m.

Pine Ridge Restaurant

Merrill



Faith In Action

**Circuit Youth participated
in a 30-Hour Famine**

May 1-2.

*There is a large jug in the back
of the narthex for those who
would like to contribute to the cause.*

*Drop your loose change to help our youth in loving
God and fighting hunger*



Inspired Singles

Fish Fry Fellowship

Friday, June 5

5:30 p.m.

Schult's County Inn



A round of applause to **Barry and Cindy Krenz and Kyle Young** for delivering the food items donated at the Living River Concert to the Merrill Food Pantry and to the Trinity Food Pantry. A total of nine boxes were collected for each location.

Also thanks to **Tim and Vickie Bartelt** for grooming the landscape around the ball diamond in preparation for the 2026 Church Softball Season.



**REGISTER FOR VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

Bible Adventures

June 8-10

5:00 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration Forms for Adults,
Volunteers and Students

can be found on the Scrip Table in the Narthex at
Faith

OR

Registe online at myvbs.org/bibleadventures2026