



I will
put my
spirit
within
you,
and you
shall live...

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
Pentecost Sunday
Sunday, May 24, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**

Acts 2:1 – **“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”** Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.



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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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** 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 25:1-15

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- P** ¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

- C** ²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

- P** ³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly
treacherous.

C ⁴**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

P ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

C ⁶**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your
steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

P ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

C ⁸**Good and upright is the
LORD;
therefore he instructs
sinners in the way.**

P ⁹He leads the humble in what
is right,
and teaches the humble his
way.

C ¹⁰**All the paths of the LORD
are steadfast love and
faithfulness,
for those who keep his
covenant and his testimonies.**

P ¹¹For your name's sake, O
LORD,

pardon my guilt, for it is great.

C ¹²**Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should
choose.**

P ¹³His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

C ¹⁴**The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear
him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.**

P ¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

PSALM 25:5

Lead me in
your truth
and teach me.



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, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24–30

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent.

²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad,



and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Selection (*Faith*)

“Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire”

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the



m multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking

Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they
shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great
and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the
name of the Lord shall be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel**John 7:37–39**

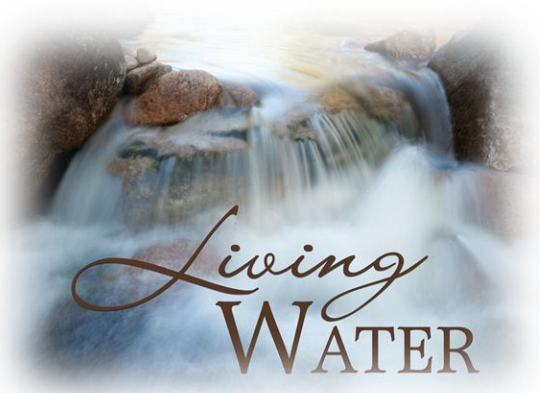
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

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

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers

of living water.’” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.



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

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

LSB #496

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

Responsive Hymn

“God Bless America”

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above
From the mountains to the prairies

To the oceans white with
foam

God bless America, my
home sweet home
God bless America, my
home sweet home



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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Benediction

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Closing Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

LSB #650

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Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Responsive Hymn for Memorial Day “Star Spangled Banner”

Oh say can you see
By the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed
At the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched
Were so gallantly streaming
And the rocket's red glare
The bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there
Oh say does that star-spangled
Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

PENTECOST

Sunday: Numbers 21:10-35;

Luke 21:20-38

Monday: Numbers 22:1-20;

Luke 22:1-23

Tuesday: Numbers 22:21 – 22:3;

Luke 22:24-46

Wednesday: Numbers 23:4-28; Luke
22:47-71

Thursday: Numbers 24:1-25; Luke 23:1-25

Friday: Numbers 27:12-23; Luke 23:26-56

Saturday: Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27; Luke 24:1-27





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

*Please remember the following in
your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Lisa Burish
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**CHURCH CALENDAR ST.
JOHN'S and FAITH**

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

Sunday, May 31

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

4:00 p.m. Church Softball League at St. John's

Monday, June 1

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting at Faith

Tuesday, June 2

1:00 p.m. Women of Faith

Thursday, June 4

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

6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Guild at St. John's

Friday, June 5

5:30 p.m. Inspired Singles Fish Fry at Schult's Country Inn



2026 Church Softball League

May 24

No games Memorial Day weekend

Next Game, May 31 at 4:00 p.m. at

St. John's

Inspired Singles

Fish Fry Fellowship

Friday, June 5 5:30 p.m.

Schult's County Inn



Please let the church office know of any high school or college/tech 2026 graduates.

715-536-5443

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

Post this reminder on your calendar or refrigerator:



Summer
FREE LUNCH
For Kids & Teens

EVERY Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday!
June 8th thru August 28th 11:30am to 1:00pm a brown bag lunch
will be available for pick up at

Christ United Methodist Church Parking Lot (3rd and Mill Street)
Food that's 'in' when school is 'out'.

(Please note: The lunch will not include a beverage.)

Bridging the gap for hungry children! Sponsored by Christ United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Stephens UCC, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran Church and the Merrill Community Food Pantry.



**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

Register online at

myvbs.org/bibleadventures2026



**Contact Kathy Sturm
(715-443-2653) if you
have questions or if you
are interested in helping**



"Americans may not only pay tribute to our honored dead but also unite in prayer for success in our search for a just and lasting peace."

—John F. Kennedy, "Prayer for Peace," Memorial Day 1962

In memory of the fallen, let's cherish our freedoms and live boldly in their honor. Their courage inspires us to be better citizens and to appreciate every moment of freedom.

Today we remember those who gave their all; may their bravery guide our path. Honor the sacrifices of our heroes by living a life filled with gratitude and purpose. Let us unite in remembrance, ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten.

As we enjoy this day, let's keep in mind the true cost of our freedom. Their legacy lives on in our hearts; let's pledge to honor it through our actions. May we always remember the courage of those who served and protect our liberties.

Today, we stand together to celebrate their lives and the freedom they fought for. Let their sacrifices remind us to strive for peace and unity in our communities.