

WALK IN
THE

Spirit.

GALATIANS 5:16 (KJV)

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 7, 2026
10:15 a.m

Psalm 119:105

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.



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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Divine Service IV
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Opening Hymn

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LSB #660

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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.

Confession and Absolution

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 119:65-72

P ⁶⁵You have dealt well with your servant,
O LORD, according to your word.

C ⁶⁶**Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.**

P ⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.

C ⁶⁸**You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.**



P ⁶⁹The insolent
smear me with lies,
but with my whole heart I
keep your precepts;

C ⁷⁰**their heart is
unfeeling like fat,
but I delight in your law.**

P ⁷¹It is good for me
that I was afflicted,

that I might learn your statutes.

C ⁷²**The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

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 also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 5:15—6:6

¹⁵I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹⁶Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

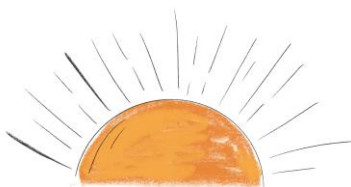
²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them
by the prophets;
I have slain them by the
words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth
as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love
and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather
than burnt offerings.



"AS SURELY AS THE
SUN RISES, HE WILL APPEAR..."
HOSEA 6:3, NIV

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

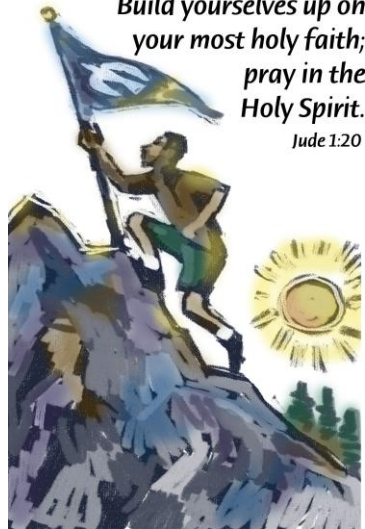
Jude 17–25

¹⁷But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” ¹⁹It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

*Build yourselves up on
your most holy faith;
pray in the
Holy Spirit.*

Jude 1:20



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

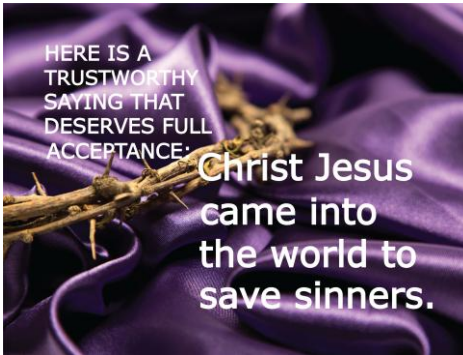
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.



⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, 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 *“Christ Be My Leader”* LSB #861

Sermon

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Offertory Response

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB #781

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus

Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymn

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB #633

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LSB #643

“For All the Saints”

LSB #677

Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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.

Benedicamus

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Benediction

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB #922

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS



Sunday: Proverbs 4:1-27; John 12:1-19

Monday: Proverbs 5:1-23;

Proverbs 6:1 – 7:27; John 12:20-36a

Tuesday: Proverbs 8:1-21; John 12:36b-50

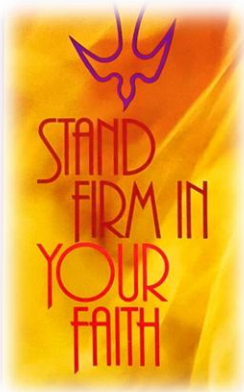
Wednesday: Proverbs 8:22-36;
John 13:1-20

Thursday: Proverbs 9:1-18; John 13:21-

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Friday: Proverbs 10:1-23; Proverbs 11:1 – 12:28;
John 14:1-17

Saturday: Proverbs 13:1-25; John 14:18-31



Rite of Confirmation

Today at St. John's - Hamburg

Confessing her faith in the Lord today

Ava Joan Knaup

Born 12/31/2011 Baptized
7/1/2012

Daughter of Chris and Melissa Knaup

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Ava, in your Baptism, the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, made you a member of the holy Christian church. Now the church has heard your confession of the faith and been assured that after diligent study of God's Word and Christian doctrine you are able to worthily receive Christ's body and blood. The church invites you to worship with fellow believers. Know that God's blessing rests on you and we pray that in your faith you continue to stand firm unto death and receive the crown of life.



2026 Church Softball League
June 7 at 2:30 p.m. at
Immanuel

Next Game: June 21 at 2:30 p.m.
at Faith

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

715-536-5443



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following in
your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Lisa Burish
Joe Calmes David Czech

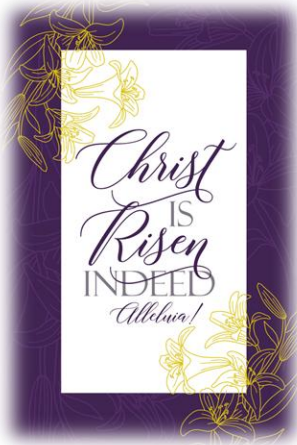
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Susie and Ellie Zastrow

Circuit 6 Forum Invitation

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

6:00 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church
107 N. State Street, Merrill**



All members of Circuit 6 congregations which includes our churches are encouraged to attend and participate in this discussion of overtures, concerns, and matters that will come before the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod regular convention at the end of July. This

time together will help equip our elected pastoral and lay delegates to represent the congregations of Circuit 6 faithfully and well.

Please join in this important conversation as we seek to walk together in unity and faithful confession.



**CHURCH CALENDAR ST.
JOHN'S and FAITH**

Sunday, June 7

Confirmation Sunday

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

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

2:30 p.m. Church Softball League at Immanuel

Monday, June 8 – Wednesday, June 10

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School at Faith

Wednesday, June 10

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

Sunday, June 14

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

12:15 p.m. Inspired Singles at Faith

Monday, June 15

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

NOTE: Community Bible Study at St. John's will NOT meet during the month of June.

Pastor on Vacation

June 16-30

*For the Word of God
is sharper than any
two-edged sword –
is a lamp unto my feet and
a light unto my path*

**the
Bible**

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Bible Adventures

June 8-10

5:00 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Faith
Meal served at 5:00 p.m.

**Contact Kathy Sturm (715-218-5293) if you have
questions or if you are interested in helping**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ST. JOHN'S 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