

ROMANS 6:23

For the wages of sin is death,

BUT THE

FREE GIFT
OF GOD

is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - Hamburg

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 21, 2026

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

Monday, June 22, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Romans 6:13 – “Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.” Everything we have — even our own existence, our very selves — is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, in church and in society. How will you serve Him today?



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 I
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Opening Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB #427

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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession and Absolution

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 91:1-10

P ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C ²I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

I WILL SAY
TO THE LORD,
MY REFUGE
AND MY
FORTRESS,
MY GOD,
IN WHOM I TRUST!
PSALM 91:2. NASB



P ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

C ⁴He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

P ⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

C ⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

P ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

C ⁸You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

P ⁹Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

C ¹⁰**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

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.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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

Jeremiah 20:7–13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me,

and I was deceived;

you are stronger than I,

and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day;

everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out,

I shout, “Violence and destruction!”

For the word of the LORD has become for me

a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, “I will not mention him,

or speak any more in his name,”

there is in my heart as it were a burning fire

shut up in my bones,

THE LORD
STANDS BESIDE ME
LIKE A GREAT
WARRIOR.
JEREMIAH 20:11, NLT

and I am weary with
holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰For I hear many
whispering.
Terror is on every
side!

“Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.

“Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 6:12–23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments

for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, **ROMANS 6:22, NIV**



because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear

those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I

also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB #685

Sermon

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.

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.

To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini LSB 163

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” **LSB #617**

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” **LSB #618**

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” **LSB #636**

Thank the Lord LSB 164

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.**

Benediction LSB 166

Closing Hymn

“On What Has Now Been Sown” **LSB #921**

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Proverbs 24:1-22; John 19:1-22

Monday: Proverbs 25:1-22;
Proverbs 26:1-28; John 19:23-42

Tuesday: Proverbs 27:1-24;
Proverbs 28:1 – 29:27; John 20:1-18

Wednesday: Proverbs 30:1-9, 18-33;
John 20:19-31

Thursday: Proverbs 31:10-31; John 21:1-25

Friday: Joshua 1:1-18; Acts 8:1-25

Saturday: Joshua 2:1-24; Acts 8:26-40

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

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Wallace Emmerich Jim Goetsch Duane Grunenwald

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Florence Williamson Laurie Young Susie and Ellie

Zastrow



2026 Church Softball League

**Today: June 21 at 2:30 p.m.
at Faith**

Next game: June 28 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's



CHURCH CALENDAR

ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, June 21

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 22

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

Wednesday, June 24

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

6:00 p.m. Inspired Singles, Pizza on the Patio at Willow Springs

Saturday, June 27

9:00 a.m. Build-A-Bed, Lincoln County Fairgrounds

Sunday, June 28

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Stewardship and Evangelism Meeting at Faith

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

Monday, June 29

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

If you need a pastor, please contact

June 16-23 Pastor Joel Danner at 715-219-3090
(cell) or 715-539-9598 (home)

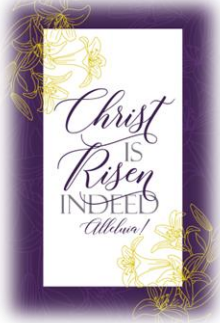
June 24-30 Pastor Scott Gustafson at
715-536-5482 (church) or 715-351-0016 (cell)



Inspired Singles

Pizza on the Patio at Willow Springs
Wednesday, June 24 6:00 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to work at the charitable St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in downtown Merrill. For more information, contact Sue Norenberg, director, at 715-539-2566.



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.

Thank you to Lee and Diane Pfaff for their generous

donation of wine to Faith. We celebrate with them as they begin a new journey called "retirement".

God's blessings in their new chapter of life ... may it be filled with much love, laughter, joy and well-deserved relaxation!





**Thank you to PASTOR
JAMIE BRIE and to
PASTOR JOEL DANNER**

*for your inspiring
messages this weekend at
Faith and St. John's.*

*Your words truly
resonated and uplifted
our spirits. We are
grateful for your time*

*and dedication in serving the Lord. Thank you for being
a vessel of God's message. and for your service and for
being a blessing to our churches.*



FREE SUMMER LUNCH continues Mondays through

Fridays through August 28. All kids and teens are
welcome to pick up a brown bag lunch from 11:30 - 1:00
p.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church parking lot at
Third and Mill Streets, Merrill.

Participating churches include St. John Lutheran, Trinity
Lutheran, Our Saviour's Lutheran, Christ United Methodist Church and
St. Stephen's Church.

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