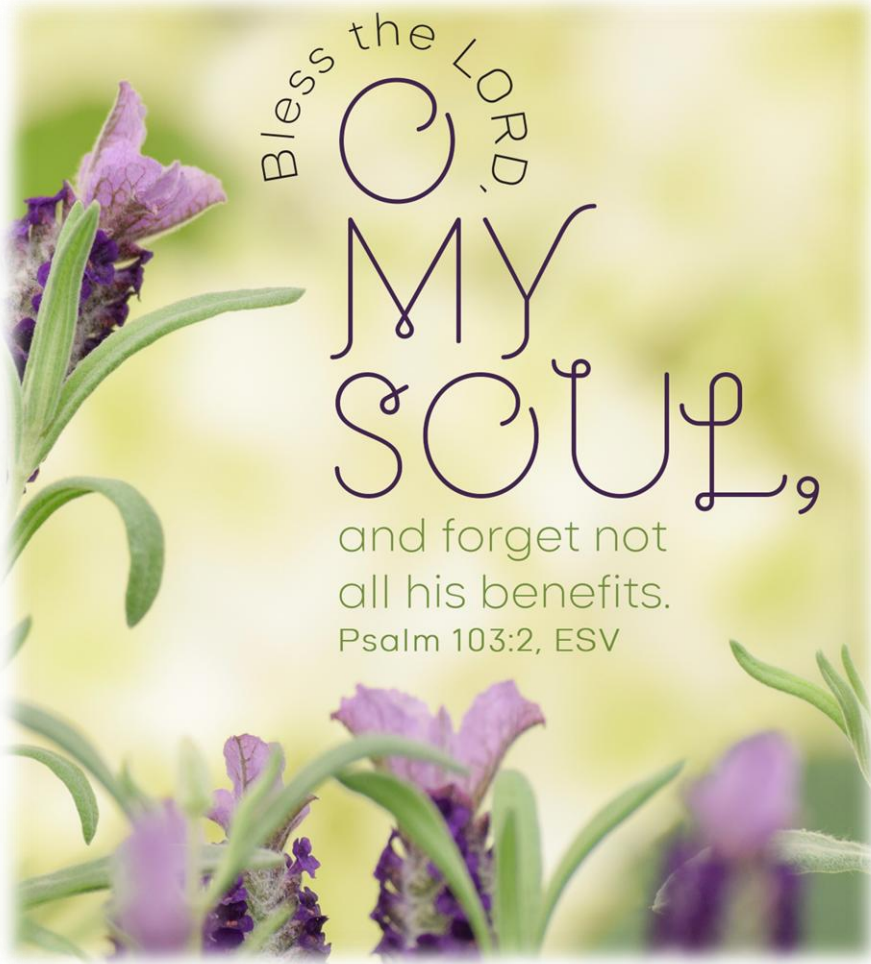


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Bless the LORD,
MY
SOUL,

and forget not
all his benefits.
Psalm 103:2, ESV

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 12 and Monday, July 13, 2026**

Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.



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 “Father Welcomes”

LSB #605

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 65

- P** ¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,

and to you
shall vows be
performed.

- C** ²O you who hears prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.

- P** ³When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.

- C** ⁴Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

- P** ⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,



O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth

C ⁶**the one who by his strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;**

P ⁷who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples,

C ⁸**so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth
are in awe at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning and the
evening to shout for joy.**

P ⁹You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.

C ¹⁰**You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.**

P ¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

C ¹²**The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,**

P ¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

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.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy

and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and the hills

before you

shall break forth into

singing,

and all the trees of the

field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall

come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall

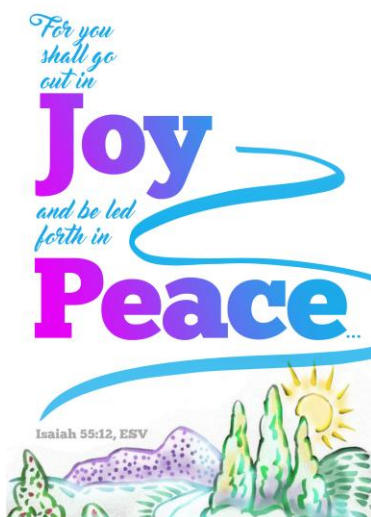
come up the myrtle;

and it shall make a name for

the LORD,

an everlasting sign that

shall not be cut off.”



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Hymn

Ed Stiver

10000 Reasons, Bless The Lord

[Chorus]

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship His holy name.*

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes

[Chorus]

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

[Chorus]

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:

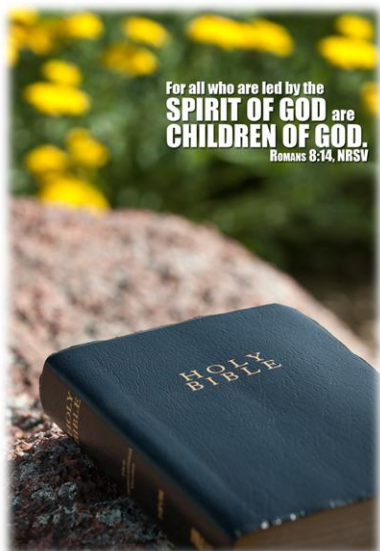
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

[Chorus - sing twice]

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of



God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit...

Matthew 13:23, NRSV



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

LSB #584

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

Sermon

Offering

Offertory Response

LSB #806

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Prayers of the Church

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.

Benediction

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- 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

LSB #921

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Judges 7:1-23;

Judges 7:24 – 12:15; Galatians 1:1-24

Monday: Judges 13:1-25;

Ruth 1:1 – 4:22; Galatians 9:1-22

Tuesday: Judges 14:1-20; Galatians 3:1-22

Wednesday: Judges 15:1 – 16:3;

Galatians 3:2 – 4:11

Thursday: Judges 16:4-30; Judges 17:1 – 21:25;
Galatians 4:12-31

Friday: 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 5:1-26

Saturday: 1 Samuel 1:21 – 2:17; Galatians 6:1-18



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CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, July 12

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, July 13

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting at Faith

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 p.m. Church Council at St. John's

7:15 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

Thursday, July 16

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

Sunday, July 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 Class at Faith

Monday, July 20

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

Wednesday, July 22

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

Thursday, July 23

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



SEMI-ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 26 immediately following worship. *All committee reports should be in to the church office by Wednesday, July 15.*

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Town of Hamburg, will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of their church building on Sunday, August 2 with a special worship service at 11:30 a.m. followed by an outdoor picnic.

If attending the picnic, please RSVP to Pastor

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by Monday, July 13.



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