



*This
is the day
the Lord
has made!*

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 19 and Monday, July 20, 2026**

Romans 8:18 – *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”* It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.



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 closed 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

“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”

LSB #684

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.

Confession and Absolution

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.**

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 119:57-64

P ⁵⁷The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.

C ⁵⁸**I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.**

P ⁵⁹When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to your testimonies;

C ⁶⁰**I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.**

P ⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.

C ⁶²**At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your just and righteous decrees.**

P ⁶³I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.

C ⁶⁴**The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!**



C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him
proclaim it.

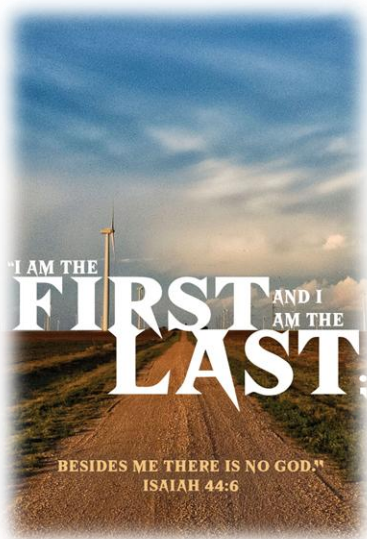
Let him declare and set it
before me,
since I appointed an ancient
people.

Let them declare what is to
come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of
old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not
any.”



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*For I consider that the
sufferings of this present time
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***the glory that is to
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Holy Gospel

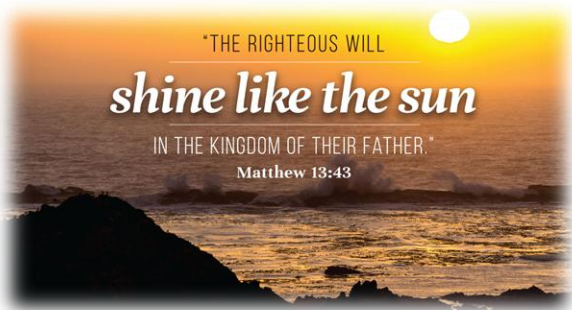
Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire,



so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB #576

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

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

LSB 197

- 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

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymns

<i>“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”</i>	LSB #618
<i>“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”</i>	LSB #620
<i>“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”</i>	LSB #497

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

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 LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

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

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

LSB #794

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS



Sunday: 1 Samuel 2:18-36; Acts 15:22-41

Monday: 1 Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 16:1-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 4:1-22; Acts 16:23-40;
Acts 17:1-34

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 5:1 – 6:3, 10-16;
Acts 18:1-11, 23-28

Thursday: 1 Samuel 6:19 – 7:17;
Acts 19:1-22; Acts 19:23 – 21:14

Friday: 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Acts 21:15-36

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-27; Acts 21:37 – 22:16

FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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Dorothy Duncan Alice Fromm

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CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

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

Sunday, July 26

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:30 a.m. Semi-Annual Meeting at Faith

Monday, July 27

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

NO COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY at St. John's until
September.



SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING

Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, July
26 immediately following worship. *All
committee reports MUST be in the
office by Tuesday, July 21*

DUAL PARISH

Outdoor Worship

St. John's – Hamburg

Sunday, August 9 10 a.m.

No worship service at Faith on Sunday





Dr. Daniel Jastram, our adopted circuit missionary to Japan, will be at **St. Paul's, Tomahawk, on Wednesday, July 29, at 6:00 p.m.** presenting about his work in Japan.
Snacks and drinks will be provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for your generous sacrificial offerings to the Lord, to help us keep our ministry going. You can also mail your offerings to Our Churches at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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www.faithlutheranmerrill.com



LIVE MUSIC

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 8TH
6:00-8:00 PM**

Normal Park
500 N Center Ave
Merrill, WI 54452

Sponsored by:
Trinity Lutheran Church

Bring your lawn chairs

Aspirus Merrill Hospital
Volunteers will be selling:
hamburgers, brats,
hot dogs, chips,
water, bakery



Rain Location:
Trinity Lutheran Church

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Jesus Christ, through music, with all we can reach, and to proclaim
His gifts of salvation and eternal life.