

COUNT
YOUR
Blessings

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 26 and Monday, July 27, 2026**

Matthew 13:45–46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. Our generosity ought to imitate the out-sized generosity of Jesus.



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.

Opening Hymn *“In Thee Is Gladness”*

LSB #818

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 125

P ¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

C ²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.

P ³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

C ⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!

P ⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those

The LORD
YOUR GOD
has
CHOSEN
YOU

who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

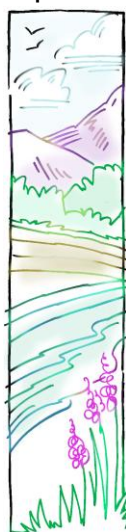
Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed
all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be
slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else



*We know
that all
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love God....*

Romans 8:28

in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God 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 13:44–52

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

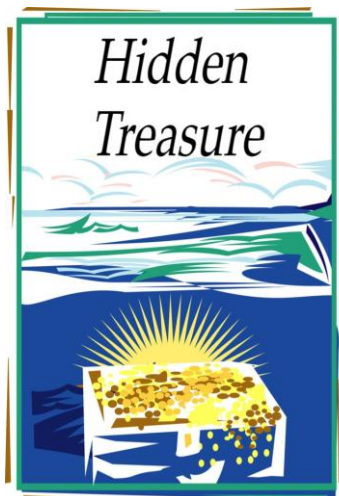
C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

LSB #480

Sermon

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.

Offering

Offertory Response

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB #781 sts. 1–2

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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

LSB #850

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS



Sunday: 1 Samuel 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29

Monday: 1 Samuel 12:1-25;
Acts 22:30 – 23:11

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 13:1-18; Acts 23:12-35

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 14:47 – 15:9;
Acts 24:1-23

Thursday: 1 Samuel 15:10-35;
Acts 12:24 – 25:12

Friday: 1 Samuel 16:1-23; Acts 25:13-27

Saturday: 1 Samuel 17:1-19; Acts 26:1-23



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.



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 Dorothy Duncan Alice Fromm
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CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

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

Sunday, August 2

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, August 3

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

Tuesday, August 4

1:00 p.m. Circuit 6 Summer Surge

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



SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING

Faith Lutheran Church

TODAY - Sunday, July 26 immediately following worship.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Pizza on the Patio at Willow Springs

Wednesday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Spouses and friends are invited.

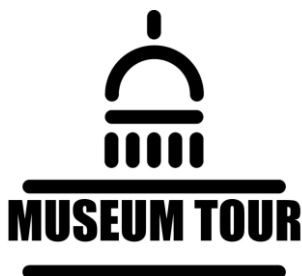
DUAL PARISH

Outdoor Worship

St. John's – Hamburg

Sunday, August 9 10 a.m.

No worship service at Faith on Sunday



Inspired Singles

WOODSON ART MUSEUM TOUR

Friday, July 31 2:00 p.m.

Please join us for a tour of the museum, 700 N, 12th Street, Wausau. Tour is free and features both the indoor galleries and outdoor sculpture gardens and

includes a hands-on art project. To register or for more information call Joy at 715-536-5195 or Faith Lutheran Church at 715-536-5443.



DUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday, August 11

6:30 p.m. at St. John's

All are invited to join the bring new ideas and perspectives to our dual parish functions and operations.

CIRCUIT 6 SUMMER SURGE



August 4th



- **SawMill Adventure Park**
- **Trampoline Park & Minigolf**
- **Picnic Grill Out**
- **Wausau Woodchucks Game**

Time: 1pm– meet behind Trinity School

Price: \$30 for the whole day!


Limited Space so SIGN UP TODAY!



All Youth in grades 6-12 welcome

To register and more Information, contact DCE Steph Chapa at Trinity
Lutheran Church – dce@trinitymerrill.com

Also looking for volunteers and chaperones

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www.faithlutheranmerrill.com

