



This is the day
the Lord has made.
LET US REJOICE
and BE GLAD IN IT.

Psalms 118:24

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH -
HAMBURG**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 2 and Monday, August 3, 2026**

Matthew 14:17-18 – “They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’” The five loaves and two fish were all that the disciples had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus, all we do and all we have comes to nothing. But in Jesus, the Lord blesses all we do and all we have for His gracious work.



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."



Order of Service
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Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB #905

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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26

P ¹Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good,
for his steadfast love
endures forever.

C ²Give thanks to the God
of gods,
for his steadfast love
endures forever.

P ³Give thanks to the Lord
of lords,
for his steadfast love
endures forever;

C ⁴to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

P ⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

C ⁶to him who spread out the earth above the
waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

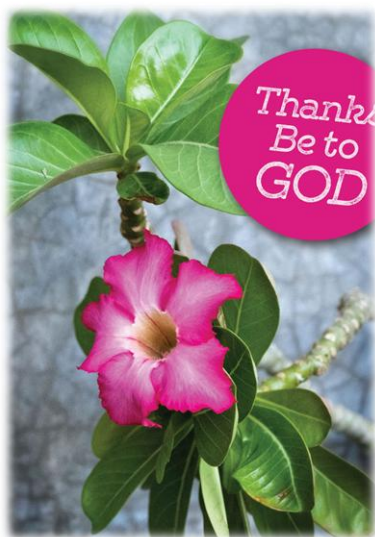
P ⁷to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

C ⁸the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

P ⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

C ²³It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

P ²⁴and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;



²⁵he who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

C ²⁶**Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

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.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 55:1–5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you
spend your money
for that which is not
bread,
and your
labor for that which
does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to



me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of
Israel,
for he has glorified you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 9:1–12

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all

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the glory,
the covenants,
the giving of the law,
the worship,
and the promises.

Romans 9:4, ESV

are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the



disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

LSB #895

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory Response

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB #781 sts. 1–2

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, 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

G 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.
. 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

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Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymns

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB #633

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

LSB #641

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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

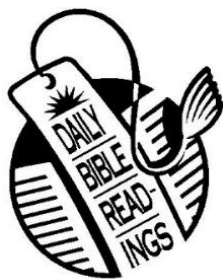
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DAILY BIBLE READINGS



Sunday: 1 Samuel 17:20-47;

Acts 26:24 – 27:8

Monday: 1 Samuel 17:48 – 18:9;

Acts 27:9-26

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 18:10-30; Acts 27:27-44

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 19:1-24;

Acts 28:1-15

Thursday: 1 Samuel 20:1-23;

Acts 28:16-31

Friday: 1 Samuel 20:24-42; 1 Samuel 21:1 – 23:29;
1 Corinthians 1:1-25

Saturday: 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 1:26 – 2:16



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following in
your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Lisa Burish
Joe Calmes David Czech Doris Dahlke
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Carl Uttech Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson
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DUAL PARISH

Outdoor Worship

St. John's – Hamburg
Sunday, August 9 10 a.m.
*No worship service at Faith on
Sunday*



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.*



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and 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

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 p.m. Women of Faith, Pizza on the Patio

7:00 p.m. Inspired Singles, Band Concert at Normal Park

Saturday, August 8

6:00 p.m. Living River Concert at Normal Park, Merrill

Sunday, August 9

10:00 a.m. Dual Parish Outdoor Worship at St. John's

Monday, August 10

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Church Council at Faith

Tuesday, August 11

6:30 p.m. Dual Parish Congregation Meeting at St. John's

Wednesday, August 12

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

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



**Pizza on the Patio
at Willow Springs
Wednesday,
August 5 at 6:00
p.m.**

*Spouses and friends
are invited.*

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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