

BE joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12, NIV



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

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16 and Monday, August 17, 2026**

Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.



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, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB #779

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 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.**

Confession and Absolution

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 67

P ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

C ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!



May God
continue to
bless us;
let all the
ends of
the earth
revere him.

Psalm 67:7, NRSV

P ⁴Let the nations be glad and
sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with
equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

C ⁵Let the peoples praise you,
O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

P ⁶The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

C ⁷God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a
house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of
Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already
gathered.”



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

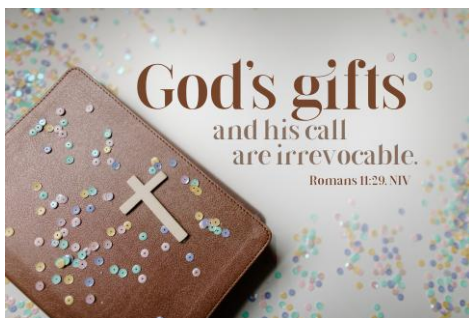
Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you

were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.



²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely

oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LSB #770

Sermon

Offertory

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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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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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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

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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

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

LSB #524

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

LSB #765

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB #821

Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

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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

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Benediction

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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

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

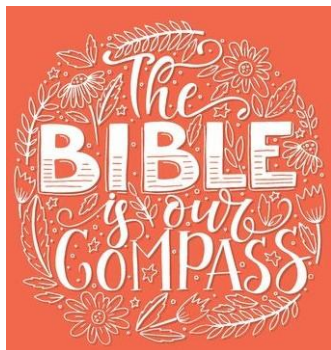
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DAILY BIBLE READINGS



Sunday: 2 Samuel 6:1-19;
1 Corinthians 9:1-23

Monday: 2 Samuel 7:1-17;
1 Corinthians 9:24 – 10:22

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 7:18-29;
1 Corinthians 10:23 – 11:16

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 11:1-27;
1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Thursday: 2 Samuel 12:1-25;
2 Samuel 13:1 – 19:43;

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Friday: 1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35; 1 Corinthians 12:14-31

Saturday: 1 Kings 2:1-27; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13;
1 Corinthians 14:1 – 16:24



**Check Your
Calendar
at Faith**

CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, August 16

**8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
at St. John's**

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

12:15 p.m. Stewardship and Evangelism Meeting at Faith

Monday, August 17

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

Sunday, August 23

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

12:15 p.m. Back-to-School Picnic at Faith

Monday, August 24

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Wednesday, August 26

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

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

Christopher Emmerich Wallace

Emmerich Jim Goetsch

Duane Grunenwald Gerhard Hannemann

Angie Harkner Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade

Rob Koebe Jim Koebe Hugo Koppa Karen Love

Brian Luedtke Bob Meyer Gene Mootz Debbie Olson

Sarah Piel Mark Pester Bob Porath Marge Radenz

Karen Rajek Elvira Saeger Jo Schedler

MiKenzie Schultz Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling

Carl Uttech Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson

Laurie Young Susie and Ellie Zastrow

End of Summer Events and

Activities! Back to School! For all of

your upcoming events and activities,

don't forget to pick up Scrip Cards. One

can always use cards for everyday

personal and household needs such as gas and food, Help

support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program

... all without it costing you an extra penny!





The Faith Evangelism and Stewardship Committee will be collecting school supplies, backpacks and personal care products that are used at schools through Sunday, August 23. Worship on the 23rd will be followed by a Back to School Picnic and the Blessing of the Backpacks.

There will be an area in the narthex for all the donated supplies. Suggestions for supplies include:

- Backpacks
- Glue sticks
- Erasers – Pink (big and small)
- Packages of Pencil Top Erasers
- Dry Erase Markers, Low Odor, Thick/Chisel Tip, Black, 4 packs
- Permanent Markers – Black
- Pocket Folders – Two pockets
- Pocket Folders – Two Pockets (Blue, Red and Yellow)
- Pencil boxes
- #2 Pencils – 12 pak
- Crayons (24 count in a box)
- Colored pencils – 12 count (assorted colors)
- Highlighters – Yellow
- Spiral Notebooks Wide Ruled
- Spiral Notebooks Wide Ruled (Blue, Red and Yellow)
- Composition Notebook Wide Ruled
- Loose leaf paper
- Pens, Blue or Black
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Post-it Notes – 3”X3”
- Canisters of Disinfecting Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer – Bottles
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Paper Toweling
- Ziploc Sandwich Bags

Special Thank You

to all who helped organize and lead the Dual Parish Outdoor Worship on Sunday. It was a great success. We praise God for the special day He gave us for our celebration where we knew the warmth of fellowship and the overabundance of God's love.



**NOTE: Sunday School will resume on
September 13**



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

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Merrill, WI 54452

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