

And what does the
LORD require of you

To act  justly
& to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your

GOD.

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

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 23 and Monday, August 24, 2026**

Romans 12:1 – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” That’s the order: God’s mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God’s mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God’s service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church and society.



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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service I

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Hymn of Invocation

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring!”

LSB #822

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.

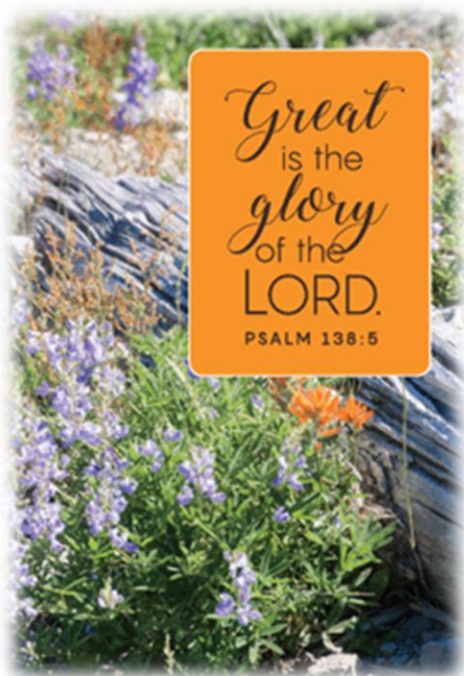
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and**

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 138

P ¹I give you thanks,
O LORD, with my whole
heart;

before the gods I
sing your praise;

C ²I bow down
toward your holy
temple

and give thanks to
your name for your
steadfast love and
your faithfulness,
for you have
exalted above all
things

your name and
your word.

P ³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

C ⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks,
O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

P ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

C ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of
my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

P ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us
to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the
life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and
steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1–6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:

look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,

and my arms will judge the
peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a
garment,

and they who dwell in it will die in
like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never
be dismayed.”

...MY SALVATION WILL LAST

FOREVER

MY RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL NEVER FAIL.
ISAIAH 51:6, NIV



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

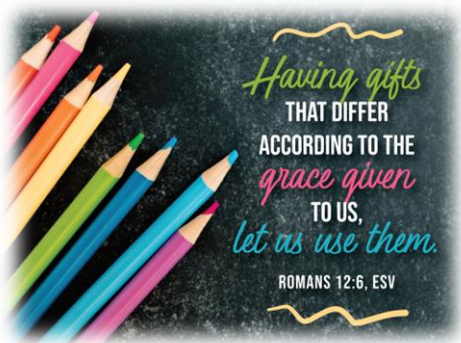
³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.



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C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel*Matthew 16:13–20*

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

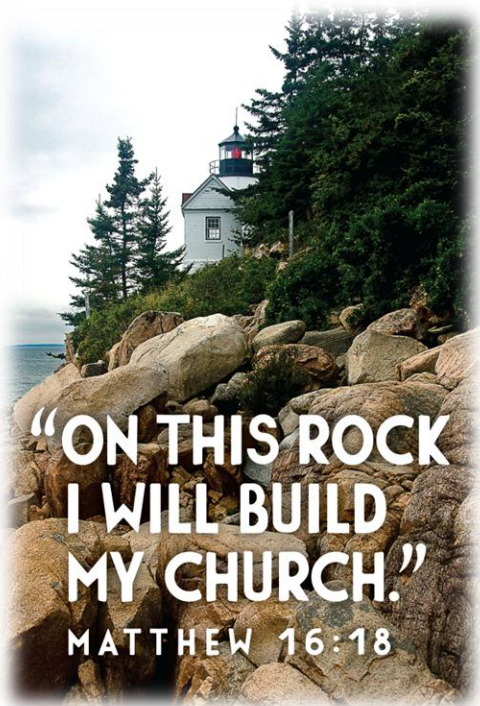
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed

this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Sermon Hymn

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

LSB #570

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

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB #806

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 today 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. 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.

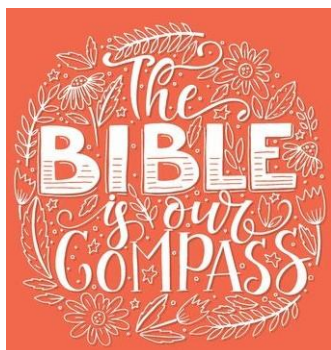
Closing Hymn

“What Is the World to Me”

LSB #730

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kings 3:1-15;
1 Kings 3:16 – 4:34;
2 Corinthians 1:1-22

Monday: 1 Kings 5:1-18;
1 Kings 6:1 – 7:50;
2 Corinthians 1:23 – 2:17

Tuesday: 1 Kings 7:51 – 8:21;
2 Corinthians 3:1-18

Wednesday: 1 Kings 8:22-30;
1 Kings 8:46-63;

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-27; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Friday: 1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13; 2 Corinthians 5:1-21

Saturday: 1 Kings 11:1-26; 2 Corinthians 6:1-18

*NOTE: Sunday School will resume on
September 13*



Check Your
Calendar

CHURCH CALENDAR **ST. JOHN'S and FAITH**

Sunday, August 23

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. *Blessing of the Backpacks*

followed by Back-to-School Potluck at Faith

Monday, August 24

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Wednesday, August 26

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

Sunday, August 30

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

Fifth Sunday Goodwill Offering at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

1:00 p.m. Hope in the Park, Marathon Park, Wausau
featuring music by Jeremy Camp

Monday, August 31

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following in your
prayers:*

Gary Baumann Lisa Burish

Joe Calmes David Czech

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Deb Wiederhoeft Florence
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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!*



TODAY

Sunday, August 23

**Blessing of the Backpacks
followed by Potluck at Faith**

*Hosted by Faith Evangelism and
Stewardship committee*

*RALLY DAY
will be held on Sunday, September 13
for Sunday School classes*



**NORTH WISCONSIN
DISTRICT ADULT
GATHERING**

**Tuesday, October 13
Mount Olive Lutheran
Church, Weston**

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Catered lunch will be served, Devotions will be led by District President Rev. Timothy Shoup. Keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Brian Gauthier, managing director of the global mission operations of the LCMS Office of International Missions. Registration deadline is September 25. Registration forms and information folders are available in the narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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