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through
our

Jesus Christ.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 14, 2026

Romans 5:8 – “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” God did not wait for mankind to make the first move. He did not wait for Adam and Even to come looking for Him — He went and found them. And while we were still sinners, still enemies of God, still set against Him, God looked on us with kindness and generosity, and so loved us that He sent His Son Jesus to suffer, die and rise for us. We now seek to grow up into His image as loving, generous and kind sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.



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.

PRINTED ORDER OF WORSHIP

Special Music today by Ed Stiver and Jeremy Fromm

OPENING HYMN

LSB #590

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

- 1 **Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

- 2 **My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

- 3 **My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.**

- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

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Rite of Holy Baptism

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Baptism

Willow Sue Vesnefski

Born August 15, 2025

Daughter of Jonathan & Michelle
(Salzman) Vesnefsky

Sponsors:

Sherri White and Kaitlin Loken

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit

C Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

P “God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

C If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

P But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

C If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

P If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

C If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.” (1 John 1:5b-10)

P Let us then confess our sins:

(A moment for silence for private personal confession to the One Who created us and redeemed us)

C Gracious Father, we come before You as a rebellious and sinful people. We have disobeyed Your commandments; we have worshipped ourselves and the things we have made. We have rejected Your will for our lives; we have preferred our way to that of Christ. Forgive us, O Lord, for straying away from that which You intended us to be, and for failing to follow the example of Christ.

P “Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.” *(based on Ps 32:1,2)* 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 you, and by the command and in the stead of the Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 18:18; John 20:23) “Be of Good Cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” *(Matt. 9:2 KJV)* Now, go live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with true repentance. *(Eph 4:1)*

C Amen! By God’s Grace in Jesus Christ I am saved. By grace I am forgiven. By Grace I am set free.

RESPONSIVE HYMN

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

**1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

**3 The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my *shield* and portion be
As long as life endures**

Chorus

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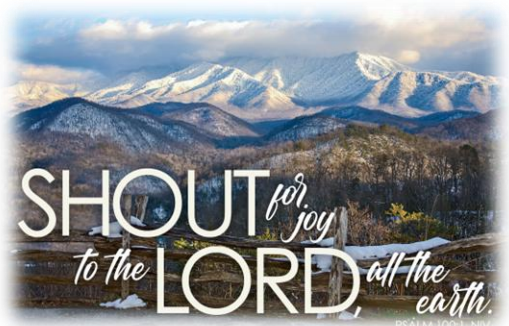
4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine.

Psalm 100

P ¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

²Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!



C ³Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

C ⁵For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

P Jesus replied to Satan “Man does not live on bread alone

C But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
(Matthew 4:4)

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2–8

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

P “and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

C All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:6–15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be

saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35—10:8

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter,

and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay."

P "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God

C **And keep it."** (*Luke 11:28*)

SERMON HYMN

LSB #563

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

- 1 **Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

- 2 **Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

- 3 **Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.**

- 4 **Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.**

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

☐ 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

LSB #806

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,**

**Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One,

**Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.**

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"

Let the poor say "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"

Let the poor say "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

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THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER

THE 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

- P** "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (*Number 6:24*)

- C** Amen!

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

- 1 **Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.**

- 2 **Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.**

- 3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

- 4 **Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom’d soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.**



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Proverbs 14:1-27; John 15:1-11

Monday: Proverbs 15:1-29; John 15:12-27

Tuesday: Proverbs 16:1-24; John 16:1-16

Wednesday: Proverbs 17:1-28;
Proverbs 18:1 – 20:4; John 16:17-33

Thursday: Proverbs 20:5-25;
Proverbs 21:1-31; John 17:1-26

Friday: Proverbs 22:1-21; John 18:1-14

Saturday: Proverbs 22:22 – 23:12; John 18:15-40

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

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Marge Radenz Karen Rajek Jo Schedler MiKenzie

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Susie and Ellie Zastrow



2026 Church Softball League

*Next Game: June 21 at 2:30 p.m.
at Faith*

Inspired Singles

Meeting at Faith today (Sunday) at 12:15 p.m.



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

Sunday, June 14

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

**12:15 p.m. Inspired Singles at
Faith**

Monday, June 15

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Sunday, June 21

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

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

2:30 p.m. Church Softball League at Immanuel

Monday, June 22

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

Wednesday, June 24

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

**6:00 p.m. Inspired Singles, Pizza on the Patio at Willow
Springs**

***NOTE: Community Bible Study at St. John's will NOT
meet during the month of June.***

Pastor on Vacation June 16-30
If you need a pastor, please contact
Pastor Joel Danner at 715-219-3090 (cell)
or 715-539-9598 (home)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS SEEKING
VOLUNTEERS**

to work at the charitable
St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in
downtown Merrill. For more information,
contact Sue Norenberg, director,
at 715-539-2566.



Be a Volunteer!



To the VBS team and all the volunteers, we take a moment to thank you for your time and energy and all the hard work and expertise! Thank you for your amazing generosity and dedication to Vacation Bible School. Your support of Faith and St. John's allows us

to continue to fulfill our mission and serve one another and our community each year. This project is successful because of you. "Volunteers are human beings who reflect compassion, unselfish caring, patience and loving one another." Thank you!

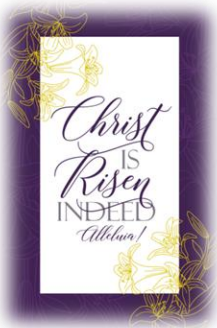


FREE SUMMER LUNCH for Kids and Teens

Monday through Friday from now through August 28
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pick up a brown bag lunch
at Christ United Methodist Church parking lot
Third and Mill Streets, Merrill

Sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, Christ United Methodist Church and the Merrill Community Food Pantry



Circuit 6 Forum Invitation

**Wednesday, July 8, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church
107 N. State Street, Merrill**

All members of Circuit 6 congregations which includes our churches are encouraged to attend and participate in this discussion of overtures, concerns, and matters that will come before the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod regular convention at the end of July. This time together will help equip our elected pastoral and lay delegates to represent the congregations of Circuit 6 faithfully and well. Please join in this important conversation as we seek to walk together in unity and faithful confession.

Please let the church office know of any high school or college/tech 2026 graduates.

715-536-5443

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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