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songs of joy.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 28, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Monday, June 29, 2026 6:30 p.m.

Matthew 10:42 – “And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord’s work in His church go toward supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord.

The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through your support of it.



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

Our services today are being led by the church elders

OPENING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

LSB #744

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!**

- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.**
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.**
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

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INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit
- C** Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

- L** "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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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)
- L** 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.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Psalm 119:153-160



L ¹⁵³Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

C ¹⁵⁴Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise!

L ¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.

C ¹⁵⁶Great is your mercy, O LORD;

give me life according to your just decrees.

L ¹⁵⁷Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

C ¹⁵⁸**I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.**

L ¹⁵⁹Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love.

C ¹⁶⁰**The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your just and righteous decrees endures forever.**

L 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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”



L “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

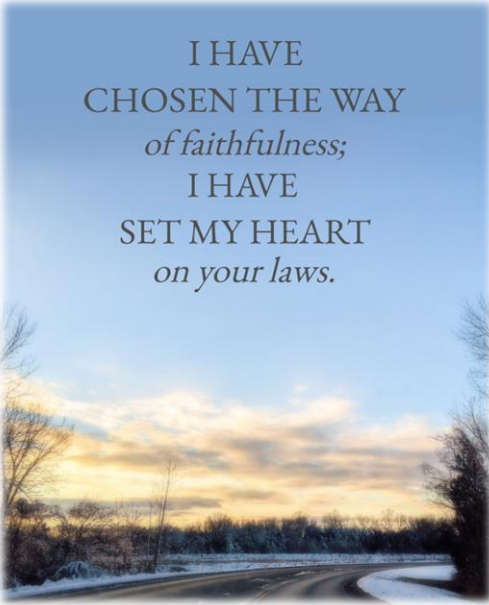
Romans 7:1-13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our

members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not



I HAVE
CHOSEN THE WAY
of faithfulness;
I HAVE
SET MY HEART
on your laws.

covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

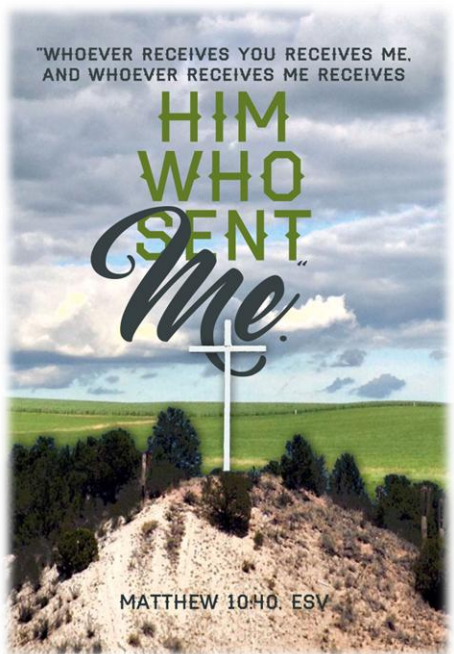
¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34 -42

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet



because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

L "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God
C **And keep it."** (*Luke 11:28*)

SERMON HYMN

LSB #570

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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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

- L** "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!

CLOSING HYMN

LSB #919

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

- 2 **Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.**
- 3 **Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.**
- 4 **Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.**
- 5 **Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.**
- 6 **Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.**

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*Thank you to the elders of
St. John's and Faith for
leading our congregations
in worship this weekend
Your willingness and
dedication to serve the
Lord is to be commended.*

God bless you all!



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Joshua 3:1-17; Acts 9:1-22

Monday: Joshua 4:1-24; Acts 9:23-43

Tuesday: Joshua 5:1 – 6:5; Acts 10:1-17

Wednesday: Joshua 6:6-27; Acts 10:18-33

Thursday: Joshua 7:1-26; Acts 10:34-48

Friday: Joshua 8:1-28; Acts 11:1-18

Saturday: Joshua 10:1-25;

Joshua 10:29 – 22:34; Acts 11:19-30

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



2026 Church Softball League

**Today: June 28 at 4:00 p.m.
at St. John's**

*6/21 and 6/28 games determine seeding for
games beginning July 12*



CHURCH CALENDAR

ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, June 28

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

4:00 p.m. Softball at St. John's

Monday, June 29

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Thursday, July 2

10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's

Sunday, July 5

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, July 6

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

Tuesday, July 7

10:00 a.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith

6:00 p.m. Church Council at St. John's

7:15 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

Wednesday, July 8

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

Thursday, July 9

10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's

Pastor on Vacation June 16-30

If you need a pastor, please contact

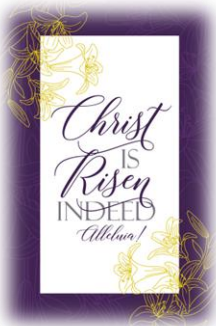
Pastor Scott Gustafson at

715-536-5482 (church) or 715-351-0016 (cell)

Pastor Love will be back on July 1



St. Paul Lutheran Church, Town of Hamburg, will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of their church building on Sunday, August 2 with a special worship service at 11:30 a.m. followed by an outdoor picnic. If attending the picnic, please RSVP to Pastor Danner at pastordanner@aol.com by Monday, July 13.



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.



SEMI-ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 26 immediately following worship.. All committee reports should be in to the church office by Wednesday, July 15.

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

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

15425 County Road K South, Merrill, WI 54452 or

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

134058 County Road L, Athens, WI 54411

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Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at Pastor's (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith Lutheran Church, or on the church website at

www.faithlutheranmerrill.com

LIVE MUSIC

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 8TH**

6:00-8:00 PM

Normal Park
500 N Center Ave
Merrill, WI 54452

Sponsored by:
Trinity Lutheran Church

Bring your lawn chairs

Aspirus Merrill Hospital
Volunteers will be selling:
hamburgers, brats,
hot dogs, chips,
water, bakery



Rain Location:
Trinity Lutheran Church

Living River's mission is to share the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through music, with all we can reach, and to proclaim His gifts of salvation and eternal life.