



Faith Lutheran Church
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church - Hamburg
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 5 and Monday, May 6, 2024

1 John 5:3 – ***“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”*** God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace.

Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

Welcome to Our Church

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.



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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 close communion. **We believe that this is no Ordinary Meal.** 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

Divine Service IV

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OPENING HYMN

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LSB #816

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.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- 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 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 98

P ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

C ²The LORD has made

known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P ³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

C ⁴**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

P ⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C ⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

P ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

C ⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together**

**⁹before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.**

P He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Catechism Review

P The Tenth Commandment

C **You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

P *What does this mean?*

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third

day and made him to appear,
⁴¹not to all the people but to us
who had been chosen by God
as witnesses, who ate and
drank with him after he rose
from the dead. ⁴²And he
commanded us to preach to the
people and to testify that he is
the one appointed by God to be
judge of the living and the dead.
⁴³To him all the prophets bear
witness that everyone who
believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his
name.”

ACTS 10:43



“Everyone
who believes in him
receives forgiveness
of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?



THIS IS LOVE
FOR GOD:
*to keep his
commands.*

1 John 5:3, NIV

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept

my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.



¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I

call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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SERMON HYMN

"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

OFERTORY RESPONSE

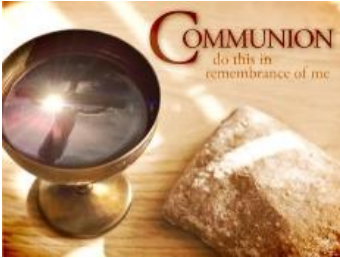
“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT

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Preface

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Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Lord’s Prayer

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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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymns

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LSB #700

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

LSB #469

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

LSB #430

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 and Benediction

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CLOSING HYMN

LSB #687

“Thine Forever, God of Love”

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48; Numbers 4:1 – 8:4;
Luke 14:25 – 15:10

Monday: Numbers 8:5-26;
Luke 15:11-32

Tuesday: Numbers 9:1-23;
Luke 16:1-18

Wednesday: Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 16:19-31

ASCENSION

Thursday: Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35;
Luke 17:1-19

Friday: Numbers 11:4-29; 12:1-16; Luke 17:20-37

Saturday: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33; Luke 18:1-17



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the
following in your prayers:

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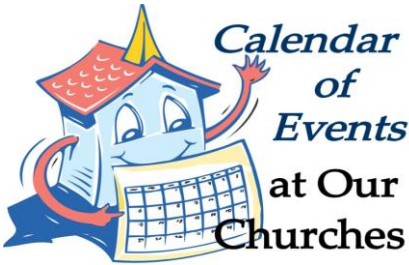
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CHURCH CALENDAR
ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, May 5

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

9:30 a.m. Bible Class at St. John's

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

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

Monday, May 6

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

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

Tuesday May 7

6:30 p.m. Women of Faith

Wednesday, May 8

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, May 9

ASCENSION DAY

Friday, May 10 – Saturday, May 11

7:00 p.m. Friday – 7:15 p.m. Saturday

YOUTH EVENT – 30 Hour Famine

Sunday, May 12 ***SONG SUNDAY***

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

11:15 a.m. VBS Meeting at Faith

Monday, May 13 ***SONG SERVICE***

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting at Faith

Tuesday, May 14

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

7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

Wednesday, May 15

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

7:00 p.m. Youth Group at Faith

Coming Up:
Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI)
Sunday, May 19 4:30 p.m.
Pine Ridge Restaurant, Merrill

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30-HOUR FAMINE

May 10-11

Start at St. John -

Merrill at 7 p.m,

Friday

End at St Paul - Irma at 7:15 p.m. Saturday

*Join us Friday evening through Saturday evening for
group building, hunger-beating, community-serving fun!*

YOUTH MEETING

Wednesday, May 15

at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church



AUGUST CALENDAR

Note in your summer
calendar

Tuesday, August 13

6:30 p.m.

**DUAL PARISH
MEETING at St. John's**



"A Walk With Jesus"

Vacation Bible School
June 10-12, 2024

Check out the sign up sheets on the Scrip table in the back of church.

Looking for willing volunteers for prep and set up food, get posters out, artistic work for decorations and backgrounds, teaching and helping in all age levels, registration for both children and adults.



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

Road K
Merrill, WI 54452

or


ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Athens, WI 54411

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Lutheran Merrill Facebook Page**

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...it is
required
of
stewards
that they
be found
trustworthy.

1 Corinthians 4:2, NRSV