



*“Love the **LORD** your
God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with
all your strength.”*

Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 30, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Monday, August 31, 2026 6:30 p.m.**

Matthew 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toy...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.



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

OPENING HYMN

“With the Lord Begin Your Task”

LSB #869

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
“Lift High the Cross”

LSB #837 vs. 1, 4-6

Psalm 26

P¹Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

C²**Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.**

P³For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.

C⁴**I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

P⁵I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.

C⁶**I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,**

P⁷proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,

and telling all your
wondrous deeds.

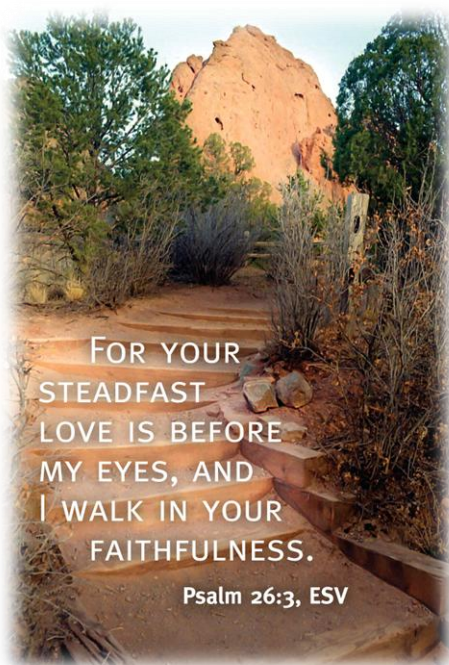
C⁸**O LORD, I love the
habitation of your
house**

**and the place
where your glory
dwells.**

P⁹Do not sweep my soul
away with sinners,
nor my life with
bloodthirsty men,

C¹⁰**in whose hands are
evil devices,
and whose right
hands are full of bribes.**

P¹¹But as for me, I shall
walk in my integrity;



redeem me, and be gracious to me.

C ¹²**My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;

know that for your sake I
bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found,
and I ate them,
and your words became to
me a joy
and the delight of my
heart,

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company
of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your
hand was upon me,

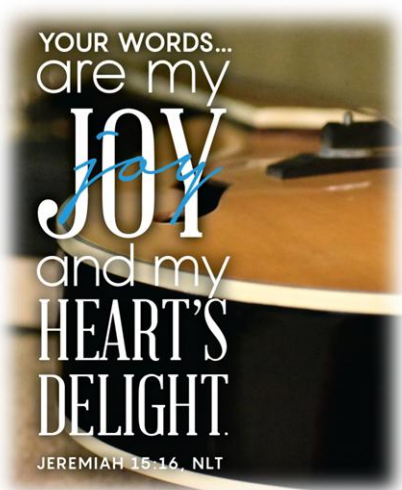
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.



YOUR WORDS...
are my
JOY
and my
**HEART'S
DELIGHT.**
JEREMIAH 15-16, NLT

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

declares the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast
to what is good.

¹⁰Love one another
with brotherly

affection. Outdo one
another in showing
honor. ¹¹Do not be

slothful in zeal, be
fervent in spirit, serve
the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in

tribulation, be
constant in prayer.

BE JOYFUL IN *hope.*
PATIENT IN *affliction.*
ROMANS 12:12, NIV FAITHFUL IN *prayer.*



¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

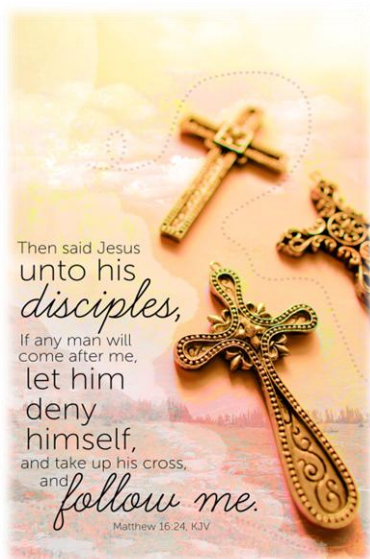
¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains



the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

C **And keep it.”** (*Luke 11:28*)

SERMON HYMN

LSB #427

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

SERMON

THE 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

LSB #806

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

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

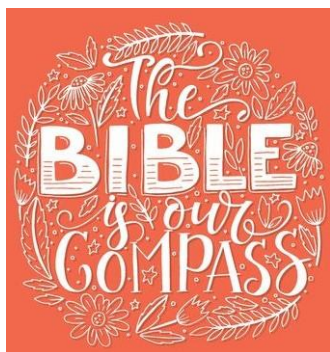
P “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (*Number 6:24*)

C Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

LSB #842

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kings 12:20 – 13:5, 33-34; 1 Kings 14:1 – 16:28;
2 Corinthians 8:1-24

Monday: 1 Kings 16:29 – 17:24;
2 Corinthians 9:1-15;
2 Corinthians 10:1 – 13:14

Tuesday: 1 Kings 18:1-19;
Ephesians 1:1-23

Wednesday: 1 Kings 18:20-40; 1 Kings 20:1 – 22:53;
Ephesians 3:1-21

Thursday: 2 Kings 2:1-18; Ephesians 4:1-24

Friday: 2 Kings 2:19-25; 2 Kings 4:1—7;
Ephesians 4:25 – 5:14

Saturday: 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Ephesians 5:15-33



Check Your
Calendar

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

CHURCH CALENDAR
ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

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

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

Tuesday, September 1

10:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting at Faith

1:00 p.m. Women of Faith

Wednesday, September 2

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

5:45 p.m. Parent Meeting for Confirmation at Faith

7:15 p.m. Youth Group at Faith

Thursday, September 3

6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Guild at St. John's

Sunday, September 6

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 Study at Faith

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY

No Monday Worship at Faith

Tuesday, September 8

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

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

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith



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 Brian Luedtke Bob Meyer Gene Mootz

Debbie Olson Sarah Piel Mark Pester Bob Porath

Marge Radenz Karen Rajek Elvira Saeger Jo Schedler

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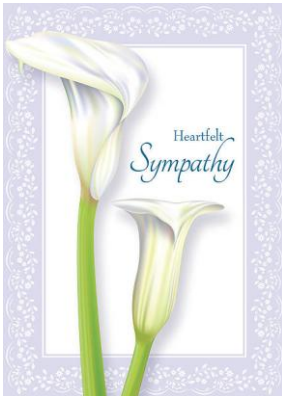
Carl Uttech Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson

Laurie Young Susie and Ellie Zastrow

Prayers for the Love family in the loss of Pastor's mom,

Karen J. Love

June 15, 1942 - August 24, 2026



A funeral service will be held on Monday, August 31 at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Mattoon. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Mattoon. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bradley Funeral Home, Antigo, and on Monday, August 31 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. Memorials in Karen's name may be directed to St. John

Lutheran Church, 304 Flint Ave, Mattoon, WI 54166.

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



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!*



CONFIRMATION CLASSES
Begin on Wednesday, September 2 at
5:30 p.m. at Faith
A parent meeting will be held at 5:45
p.m.



**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.



THANK YOU to all who donated items
for the Back to School Mission as well as
to those who helped with the Back to
School potluck and to those who enjoyed
fellowship around the table.
