

Lift Your Voices



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 14, 2024

Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’” In the book of Amos, the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because His activity toward us is built on kindness, charity and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.



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

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Jeremy Fromm, St. Johns

Ed Stiver, Faith

331 The Advent of Our King *sts. 1-2*

1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.
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380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *sts. 1, ref, 2*

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" *Refrain*
ref Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.

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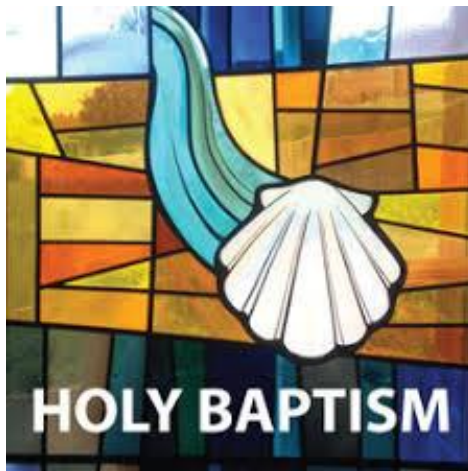
387 Joy to the World

sts. 1–2

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

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594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

sts. 1–2

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!

- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

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Holy Baptism

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Baptised today at Faith

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Sponsors are

Jenna Lezotte, Zachary Lezotte, Sarah Blum,
Nathanael Blum

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

st. 5

5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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.**

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

sts. 1, 3

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
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434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 1

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; Nicolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546
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- 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.

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, London, alt.; (sts. 1–3): Latin, 14th cent.; (st. 4): Charles Wesley, 1707–88
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Reading

Psalm 123

P ¹To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!



C ²Behold, as the
eyes of servants
look to the hand of their
master,
as the eyes of a
maidservant
to the hand of her
mistress,
so our eyes look to the
LORD our God,

till he has mercy upon us.

P ³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

C ⁴Our soul has had more than enough
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

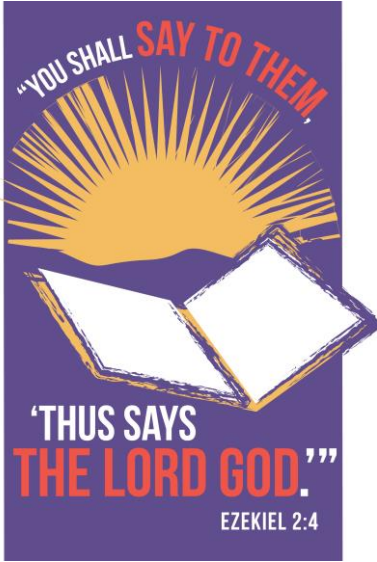
P Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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

Ezekiel 2:1–5



¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord

GOD.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Introduction to the Lord’s Prayer

- P** *Our Father who art in heaven.*
- C** **Our Father in heaven.**

- P** *What does this mean?*
- C** **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of



this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I

pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jeremy Fromm, St. John’s

Ed Stiver, Faith

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom
and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how
inscrutable his ways!

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1–13

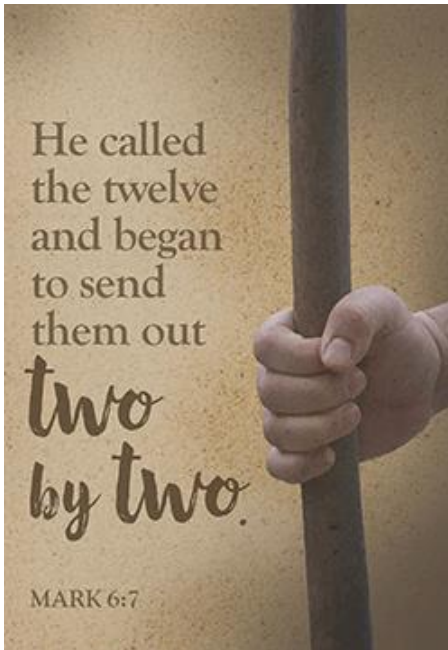
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth
chapter.

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

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get

these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people

and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.



⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

sts. 1, 4

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

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Sermon

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

st. 7

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

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739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

sts. 1–2

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

- 2 When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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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.

Prayers of the Church

Offering

785 We Praise You, O God

sts. 1, 3

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will
guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be
praise!

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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

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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.

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

sts. 1, 3, 6

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.

- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.

- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Judges 2:6-23;
Acts 13:13-41

Monday: Judges 3:7-31;
Acts 13:42-52

Tuesday: Judges 4:1-24; Judges 5: 1-31; Acts 14:1-18

Wednesday: Judges 6:1-24; Acts 14:19 – 15:5

Thursday: Judges 6:25-40; Acts 15:6-21

Friday: Judges 7:1-23; Judges 7:24 – 12:15;
Galatians 1:1-24

Saturday: Judges 13:1-25; Ruth 1:1 – 4:22;
Galatians 2:1-21



CHURCH CALENDAR
ST. JOHN'S and FAITH



Check Your
Calendar

Sunday, July 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

Monday, July 15

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Tuesday, July 16

6:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith

Friday, July 19

Campfire at St. John's

Sunday, July 21

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

12:15 p.m. Stewardship and Evangelism Meeting at Faith

Monday, July 22

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



**FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
CHURCHES**

**Please remember the following in
your prayers:**

Gary Baumann Bob Burish

Cheryl Dahlke Doris Dahlke

Steve Dahlke Alice Fromm

Lydia Goetsch Wallace Emmerich

Angie Harkner Emma Hein

Andy Jacobson Dale Janisch

Cecelia Elizabeth & Lucille Alexandria Klade

Emily Klug Rob Koebe Bruce Krenz Ron Lang

Cindy Luedtke Debbie Olson Mark Pester

Edgar Pfaff Marge Radenz Karen Rajek Jo Schedler

Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech Philip Vogel

Deb Wiederhoelt Susie and Ellie Zastrow Zulliger family



UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, August 11

DUAL PARISH OUTDOOR WORSHIP

at St. John's 10:00 a.m.

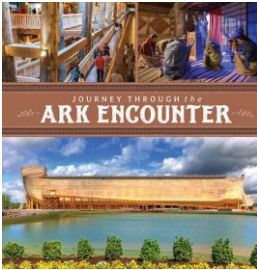
*Bring a dish to pass. St John's will
provide burgers and brats.*

Tuesday, August 13

6:30 p.m. **DUAL PARISH MEETING** at St. John's

Sunday, September 29

10:00 a.m. **POLKA SERVICE** at Faith



Circuit 6 Family Ark Encounter Tour November 1-3, 2024

Contact Bonnie Grueneberg at 1-715-613-0003 or Jeremy Lee at 715-536-2477 for more information or to reserve your seat - \$150.00 deposit is due within 10 days of making your

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CHECK IT OUT!

The new website for Faith
is up and running.

<https://faithlutheranmerrill.com>



If anyone has **EYE GLASSES AND/OR CASES** that are no longer used, there is a Lion's Eye Glass Bucket in the coat room. All glasses and cases can be put in the bucket. Any questions, contact Beth (715-574-0190) or Leon Bartlet (715-574-1161) of the Maine Lion's Club.



Sunday, July 28 Semi-Annual Church Meeting

at Faith
Following morning
worship

Please have
committee reports and any other pertinent
information to the church office by Tuesday, July 23.



CAMPFIRE SING ALONG

**Friday, July 19,
6-8 p.m.**

at St. John's
*Hot dogs, chips,
and
s'mores provided*

Please bring a lawn chair.

2024 Church Softball League

Today, Sunday, July 14
at St. John's
at 3:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, July 21
at Faith
at 1:30 p.m.



T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Faith and St. John's have a new joint parish logo.

T-shirts have been printed with the logo. They can be purchased on Sundays at church. There is no charge for the t-shirts but asking for a free will donation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This is the day that
THE LORD
has made.

I will
REJOICE
& be **GLAD**
in it.

Psalm 118:24 NKJV