

I know that there is nothing
better for people than to be happy
and to do good while they live.
That each of them may eat and
drink, and find satisfaction in all
their toil - this is the gift of God.
Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Labor Day

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 1, 2024

Deuteronomy 4:6 – “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’”

There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us, so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.



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 questions, 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.*



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OPENING HYMN

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

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INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

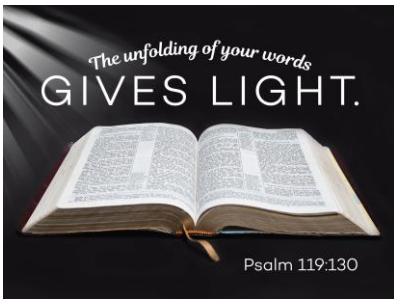
- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- 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 119:129–136



P ¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

C ¹³⁰**The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

P ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant,

because I long for your commandments.

C ¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.**

P ¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

C ¹³⁴**Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**

P ¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

C ¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.**

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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 source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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

The Sixth Petition

P *And lead us not into temptation.*

C **Lead us not into temptation.**

P *What does this mean?*

C **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9*

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget



the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

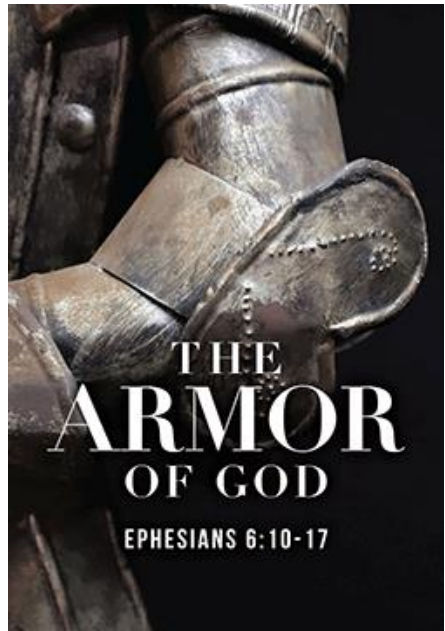
Psalm 34:9, 19.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of



salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14–23

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.



¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what

defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his

stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN
“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

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SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE
“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB #781 *sts. 1–2*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PREFACE

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SANCTUS

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

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."

AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

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“As Surely as I Live,” God Said”

LSB #614

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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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.

G Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kings 18:1-19; Ephesians 1:1-23
Monday: 1 Kings 18:20-40; Ephesians 2:1-22
Tuesday: 1 Kings 19:1-21; 1 Kings 20: 1 – 22:53;
Ephesians 3:1-21
Wednesday: 2 Kings 2:1-18; Ephesians 4:1-24
Thursday: 2 Kings 2:19-25; 2 Kings 4:1-7;
Ephesians 4:25 – 5:14
Friday: 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Ephesians 5:15-33
Saturday: 2 Kings 4:38 – 5:8; Ephesians 6:1-24



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Gary Baumann Bob Burish
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ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CARE-Hamburg is looking for a

part time teacher willing to work afternoons who will work around schedule and must be flexible, fun loving and must love working with children Experience and education a must. If not, person must be willing to take classes. Call Patti at 715-539-8120 or text at 715-432-4858 for more information.



NOTE: Confirmation Classes begin Wednesday, September 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Faith. Parent meeting following class at 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR
ST. JOHN'S and FAITH



Check Your
Calendar

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unday, September 1

**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 2

NO MONDAY WORSHIP at Faith

Tuesday, September 3

6:30 p.m. Women of Faith

Wednesday, September 4

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting at Faith

Thursday, September 5

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teacher Meeting at St. John's

6:30 p.m. Mary Martha Guild at St. John's

Sunday, September 8 *SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY*

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

4:30 p.m. ISI Men's Fellowship at Stogbauer's cabin

Monday, September 9

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

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

Tuesday, September 10

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

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

Wednesday, September 11

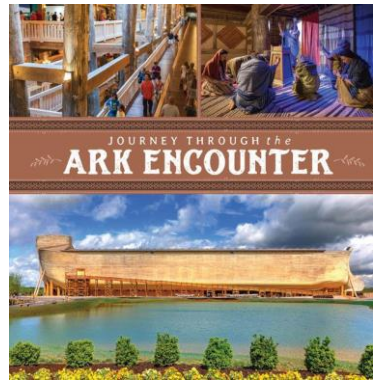
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith



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 Bartelt (715-574-1261) of the Maine Lion's Club.

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 reservation. Final payment is due October 1st.



NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERING

Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration & morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon.

Devotions will be led by District President Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, will share a message based on his book "Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah" which is included with each registration.

The \$40 registration fee includes morning refreshments, program, lunch and Dr. Lessing's book. Registration deadline is October 1st. A freewill offering will be collected to support Peru missions. Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the NWD homepage at www.nwdlcms.org under 'Events and Info'.



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!*



Wednesday, September 4

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes starting at Faith

Sunday, September 8

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

at St. John's. Special Fellowship Hour following morning worship

Sunday, September 8

4:30 p.m. **ISI Men's Ministry** @ Chris Stogbauer cabin.

Sunday, September 15

Sunday School resumes

- At St. John's, Sunday School will meet during the sermon
- At Faith, Sunday School classes will meet at 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, October 12

LWML Zone Rally at St. John's. Watch for upcoming information.



WATCH for sign up sheets in the back of church for help with the Chili Dinner on September 29 and for help with the Pancake Dinner and Bake Sale on October 20.

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Lutheran Merrill Facebook Page**

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