



Faith Lutheran Church
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church - Hamburg
The Ascension of Our Lord
Sunday, May 12 and Monday, May 13, 2024

Acts 1:11 – *“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we care for the things of this world.



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.



Please TURN OFF ALL CELLPHONES before service begins.
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♪ *Special Music* ♪

with Jeremy Fromm, St. John's, and Ed Stiver, Faith

Hymn Sing Worship Service

This morning we are doing something special as we celebrate the Resurrection from the Death, and the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our worship will consist of a Hymn Sing. We will be following the frame work of the many parts of the ancient liturgy using Hymns for musical response. The Sermon is actually embedding throughout of our Worship Service as we talking about a number of the important parts of the liturgy and the basis of the scripture teachings behind the hymns. Likewise, this morning will we holding to the fourth commandment as we honor our mother's for Mother's Day. May God bless you this morning as we Worship our Risen and Ascended Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMNS

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB #493 vs. 1

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.

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I Will Call Upon The Lord

I will call upon the Lord,
Who is Worthy to be Praised
So shall I be saved from my enemies
The Lord Liveth, and blessed be my Rock
And Let the God of my salvation be exalted

Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver

Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with You.

INVOCATION

- P** We begin our Worship as we began our Christian lives in the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** ***But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:7)***

Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB #570 vs. 1–2

- 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.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less LSB #575 vs. 1

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the Solid Rock I stand all other ground is
sinking sand."

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.

*Silence for private and personal confession
to Our God and Savior*

P Because of the mercy of God and the saving death and resurrection of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce God's grace to you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus

Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:23*) Now, let us go and live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with true repentance. (*Eph 4:1; Matthew 8:3*)

Amazing Grace

LSB #744 vs. 1

- 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!

Text: Public domain

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB #611 vs. 1-2

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

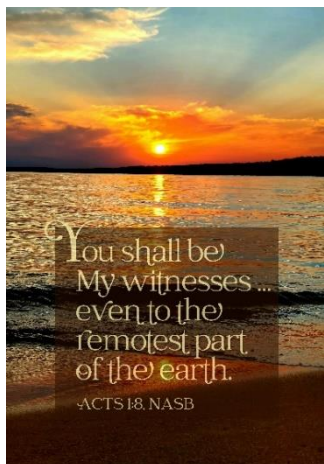
✠ GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD ✠

- 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)

The First Lesson

Acts 1:8–11

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the



Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This

Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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)

Thy Word Is a Lamp

LSB #973. *refrain and vs. 1*

refrain Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

- 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *refrain*

The Epistle

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts

enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P “The grass withers and the flowers fall.

C **“but the Word of God stands forever.”** (*Isaiah 40:8*)

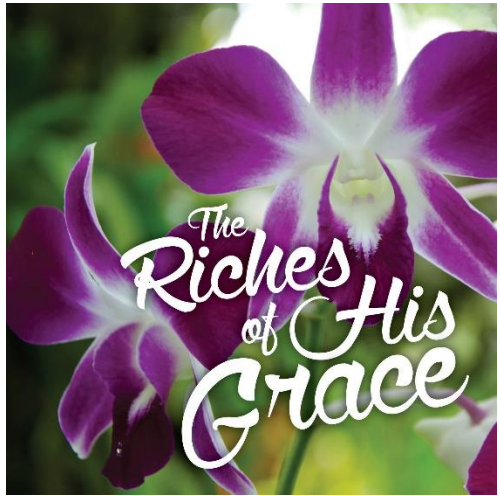
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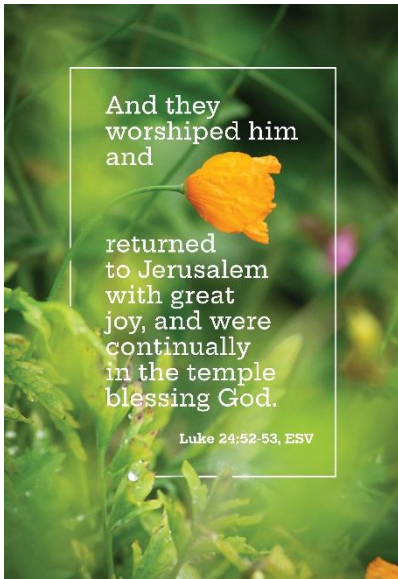
The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44–53

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the

Ephesians 1:15–23





Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into

heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men,

C “but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe. (1 Thess. 2:13-14)

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB #660 vs. 1

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1818–88, alt.

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“I’ll Fly Away”

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by I'll fly away

“Because He Lives”

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove My Savior lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living Just because He lives

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED ✠

(spoken in unison)

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.

✠ THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER ✠

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB #761 vs. 1

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB #770 vs. 1

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86

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*Following each petition, the Pastor will say,
“Lord, in Your mercy,” and the congregation is to respond:
“Hear our prayer.”*

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER ✠

(spoken in unison)

- 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 today 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. Amen!**

✠ WE BRING OUR FIRST FRUITS TO THE LORD ✠

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing LSB #924 vs. 1-3

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

Text (sts. 1-2): attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.; (st. 3): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.
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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Numbers 14:1-25;
Luke 18:18-34

Monday: Numbers 14:26-45;
Numbers 15:1-41;
Luke 18:35 – 19:10

Tuesday: Numbers 16:1-22;
Luke 19:11-28

Wednesday: Numbers 16:23-40; Luke 19:29-48

Thursday: Numbers 16:41 – 17:13;
Numbers 18:1 – 19:22;
Luke 20:1-18

Friday: Numbers 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44

Saturday: Numbers 20:22 – 21:9; Luke 20:45 – 21:19



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the
following in your prayers:

Gary Baumann Levi Blum

Cindy Braatz

Rev. David Bray

Bob Burish Beth Czech

Dave Czech Cheryl Dahlke

Doris Dahlke Steve Dahlke Dean Duncan

Alice Fromm Lydia Goetsch Brian Grueneberg

David Hinz Wallace Emmerich Jeff Fox

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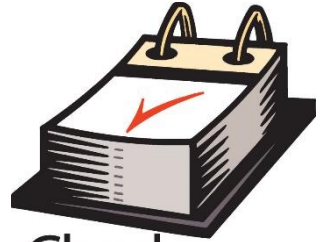
Marge Radenz Karen Rajek

Rev. Wm. & LuAnn Ruhbusch

Jo Schedler Carl Uttech Susie and Ellie Zastrow

Zulliger family

CHURCH CALENDAR
ST. JOHN'S and FAITH



Check Your
Calendar

Sunday, May 12 **SONG SUNDAY**

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship at St. John's**
9:30 a.m. Bible Class at St. John's
10:15 a.m. **Worship at Faith**
11:15 a.m. Bible Class 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

Sunday, May 19

- 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
4:30 p.m. ISI at Pine Ridge Restaurant, Merrill

Monday, May 20

- 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith
6:30 p.m. **Worship with Holy Communion at Faith**

Tuesday May 21

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

Wednesday, May 23

- 10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Sunday, May 26

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship at St. John's**
9:30 a.m. Bible Class at St. John's
10:15 a.m. **Worship at Faith**
11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

Monday, May 27

NO MONDAY WORSHIP AT FAITH

2024 Church Softball League

Begins today, Sunday, May 12

Game at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's

Any questions or for more information,
contact Shawn Henrichs or Mark Porath



Needed for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Queen or king size flat, solid color bed sheets would be appreciated. Also, large wicker or cloth baskets and large artificial green plants needed. All items will be returned after VBS.

Please put your name on it.

Items needed by June 2. Bring items to St. John's or Faith. For more information or questions, contact

Vicki Bartelt or Bonnie Grueneberg at Faith
OR Kathy Sturm or Joy Free at St. John's



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PROVERBS 27:17

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Next Sunday

Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI)

Sunday, May 19 4:30 p.m.

Pine Ridge Restaurant, Merrill

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

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Merrill, WI 54452

or

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Athens, WI 54411

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Mother's Day Prayer



THINKING OF YOU ON MOTHER'S DAY,
AND SAYING A *special* PRAYER—
THAT GOD,
WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE,
WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.

THAT HE WILL *bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE
WITH JOYS OF EVERY KIND—
WITH PERFECT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
AND *peace* OF
HEART AND MIND.

