

*"I will pour out my Spirit  
on all people."*

Joel 2:28, NIV



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG  
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*Pentecost*

**Sunday, June 8, 2025  
8:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

**Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”** Notice that Pentecost was actually an Old Testament festival. It happened around the time when the wheat and oats were ready to be brought in. In the New Testament, Pentecost foreshadowed the great harvest of humankind that God will bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest through the work of His 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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**PRINTED ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
***Special Music – Ed Stiver, Jeremy Fromm***

**OPENING HYMN**

***“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”***

**LSB #496**

**INVOCATION**

**P** Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

We begin our worship as we began our Christian life, through Holy Baptism, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** “God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (*John 4:24*) And, “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (*Proverbs 28:13*) Therefore, let us confess and renounce our sins with a sincere heart and mind before the Lord, receiving His Almighty, Divine, and Eternal forgiveness.

*(A moment of silence  
for personal confession and reflection.)*

- P** We confess:

**C** **God forgive me, a sinner. 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.**

- P** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*) “Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him, and in whose spirit is no deceit. (*Based on Psalm 32:1, 2*) By 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, (*John 20:22-23; Matthew 16:19 NIV*) I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you. (*Matthew 9:2 KJV*) Now, go and live

a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with real repentance.  
(Ephesians 4:1)

## RESPONSIVE HYMNS

### *“Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”*

Humble Thyself in the sight of the Lord,  
Humble Thyself in the sight of the Lord,  
And He shall lift you up – higher and higher,  
And He shall lift you up.

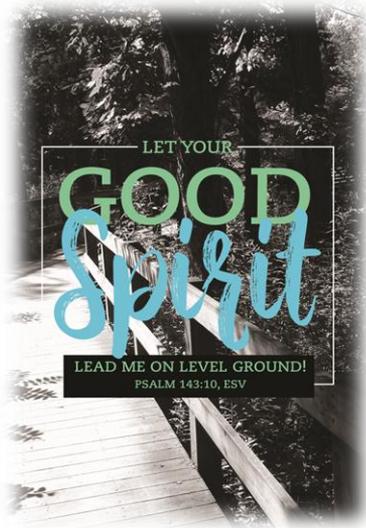
### *“Sanctuary”*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true,  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

Lord, prepare me to be a missionary  
Pure and holy, tried and true,  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Missionary for You.

## PSALM 143

- P** <sup>1</sup>Hear my prayer, O LORD;  
give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your  
righteousness!
- C** <sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.
- P** <sup>3</sup>For the enemy has pursued my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me sit in darkness like those long  
dead.
- C** <sup>4</sup>Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is appalled.



**P** <sup>5</sup>I remember the days of old;  
I meditate on all that you have  
done;  
I ponder the work of your hands.

**C** <sup>6</sup>I stretch out my hands to  
you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a  
parched land.

**P** <sup>7</sup>Answer me quickly, O LORD!  
My spirit fails!  
Hide not your face from me,  
lest I be like those who go down  
to the pit.

**C** <sup>8</sup>Let me hear in the  
morning of your steadfast love,  
for in you I trust.  
Make me know the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.

**P** <sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
I have fled to you for refuge!

**C** <sup>10</sup>Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God!  
Let your good Spirit lead me  
on level ground!

**P** <sup>11</sup>For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!  
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

**C** <sup>12</sup>And in your steadfast love you will cut off my  
enemies,  
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my  
soul,  
for I am your servant.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD**

- P** “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.
- C** “**May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**” (*Romans 15:4-6*)

## CATECHISM REVIEW

**P** *THE SECOND COMMANDMENT*

**C** **You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**P** *What does this mean?*

**C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Genesis 11:1–9**

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup>So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language

of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

**P** “The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
**C** “**but the Word of God stands forever.**” (*Isaiah 40:8*)

## SECOND READING

**Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.



<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

<sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**P** “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you received 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)

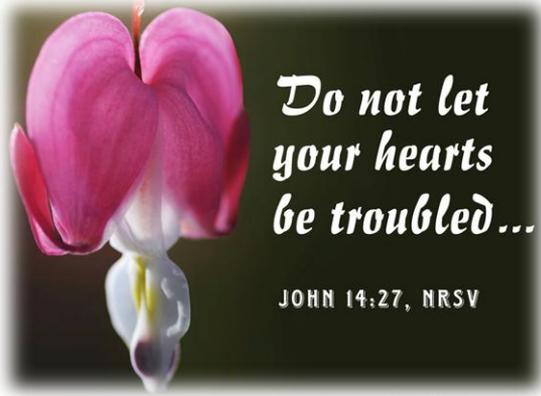
## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 14:23-31**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to

you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.  
<sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come



to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler

of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

**P** "As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, 'Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.'

**C** "He replied, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God, and obey it.'" (Luke 11:27-28)

## SERMON HYMN

*"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"*

LSB #913

## 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.

## **WE BRING OUR FIRSTFRUITS TO THE LORD**

### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Count Your Blessings”**

(Johnson Oatman, Jr., Pub. 1897) Psalm 40:5, 1Thessalonians 5:18, Ephesians 1:3

**When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost  
Count your many blessings; name them one by one  
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.**

***Count your blessings; name them one by one  
Count your blessings; see what God has done  
Count your blessings; name them one by one  
Count your many blessings; see what God has done.***

**Are you ever burdened with load of care  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear  
Count your many blessings; ev'ry doubt will fly  
And you will be singing as the days go by.  
*Count your blessings; name them one by one  
Count your blessings; see what God has done  
Count your blessings; name them one by one  
Count your many blessings; see what God has done***

**When you look at others with their lands and gold  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold  
Count your many blessings; money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.  
*Count your blessings; name them one by one  
Count your blessings; see what God has done  
Count your blessings; name them one by one  
Count your many blessings; see what God has done***

**So amid the conflict, whether great or small  
Do not be discouraged; God is over all  
Count your many blessings; angels will attend  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.  
Count your blessings; name them one by one  
Count your blessings; see what God has done  
Count your blessings; name them one by one  
Count your many blessings; see what God has done**

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## **THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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 on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

**"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"      LSB #917**

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday:** Numbers 21:10-35; Luke 21:20-38

**Monday:** Numbers 22:1-20; Luke 22:1-23

**Tuesday:** Numbers 22:21 – 23:3; Luke 22:24-46

**Wednesday:** Numbers 23:4-28; Luke 22:47-71

**Thursday:** Numbers 24:1-25; Luke 23:1-25

**Friday:** Numbers 27:12-23 Luke 23:26-56

**Saturday:** Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27; Luke 24:1-27

## CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

### Sunday, June 8

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

### Monday, June 9

**NO MONDAY WORSHIP at Faith**

### Monday, June 9 –

### Wednesday, June 11

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Wednesday, June 11

10 a.m. Ablelight

### Sunday, June 15

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

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

11:15 Bible Class at Faith

### Monday June 16

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

7:30 p.m. Church Council at Faith

### Tuesday, June 17

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

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



Check Your  
Calendar



**FAITH and ST. JOHN'S  
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*Please remember the following  
in your prayers:*

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Rodney Dahlke    Alice Fromm  
Christopher Emmerich  
Wallace Emmerich

Gerhard Hannemann    Angie Harkner    Dale Janisch  
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Edgar Pfaff    Bob Porath    Marge Radenz    Karen Rajek  
Jo Schedler    Linda Seidler    Audrey Steckling  
Lorraine Steckling    Carl Uttech    Deb Wiederhoeft  
Susie and Ellie Zastrow

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*"Celebrate the Savior"*

**June 9-11**

**5 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

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church to sign up to **register**  
for VBS. Questions, call

Bonnie Grueneberg (715-613-  
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### **2025 Church Softball League**

Today, Sunday, June 8  
Game at 3:30 p.m. St. John's  
Sunday, June 15  
Game at 12:00 noon at Faith



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**VBS Adult Bible Study**  
**June 9-11**

***The Truth about Islam***  
***It's Impact On***  
***American Society And***  
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**June 9 - 11, 2025**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

*(Meal provided starting at 5:00 p.m.)*

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