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**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 21 and Monday, July 22, 2024**

Ephesians 2:13 – “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” What all of mankind's efforts, works and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did: We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others in our vocations in home, church and society.



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. Phones that are on may interfere with transmission of the service to social media and shutting down your phone can help solve network connectivity problems

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

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

LSB #651

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.**

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.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

- 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.**
- 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 23

C ¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before
me

in the presence of my
enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.



Kyrie

LSB 152

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 First Petition*

P *Hallowed be Thy name.*

C **Hallowed be Your name.**

P *What does this mean?*

C **God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

P *How is God's name kept holy?*

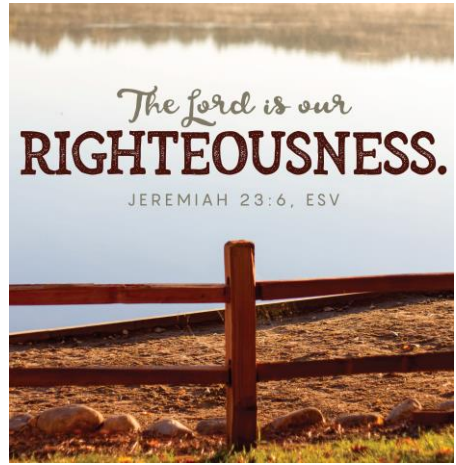
C **God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:1–6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and

have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.



⁵"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

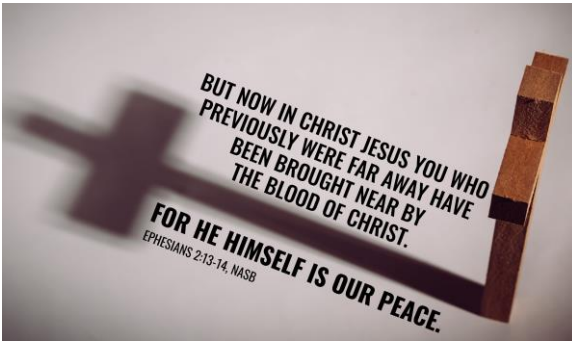
Epistle

Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so

making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace

to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints



and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30–44

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now



late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he

said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

LSB #649

Sermon

Nicene Creed

- ☐** 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.

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 RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT



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Preface *LSB 160*

Sanctus *LSB 161*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

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.”

Lord’s Prayer

☩ 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.

Pax Domini

LSB 163

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” LSB #617

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” LSB #636

“The Church’s One Foundation” LSB #644

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

Benediction

LSB 166

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone” LSB #912

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: 1 Samuel 4:1-22; Acts 16:2-40; Acts 17:1-34

Monday: 1 Samuel 3:7-31; Acts 18:1-11, 23-28

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 6:19 – 7:17; Acts 19:1-22;
Acts 19:23 – 21:14

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Acts 21:15-36

Thursday: 1 Samuel 9:1-27; Acts 21:37 – 22:16

Friday: 1 Samuel 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29

Saturday: 1 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 22:30 – 23:11

CHURCH CALENDAR

ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

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

Sunday, July 28

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Semi-Annual Church Meeting at Faith

Monday, July 29

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith



Check Your
Calendar



UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, August 11

**DUAL PARISH OUTDOOR
WORSHIP** at St. John's 10 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



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

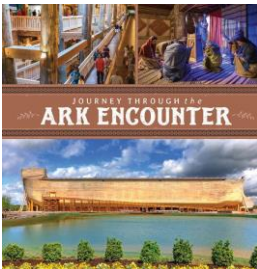
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Cindy Luedtke Debbie Olson Mark Pester

Edgar Pfaff Marge Radenz Karen Rajek Jo Schedler

Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech Philip Vogel

Deb Wiederhoeft Susie and Ellie Zastrow



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.

Please pick up a reservation form at your church office and mail in along with your deposit. Final payment is due October 1st. Check the June newsletter for detailed information.



**Camping,
Summer
Vacations,**

Summer Fun! 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!*



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.

2024 Church Softball League

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

Next Sunday, July 28
at St. John's
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.



Thank You!

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD

With a total of over 70 volunteers, we built 32 beds! If anyone knows of a family that could use some beds for their children, they can either contact me or they can go to the Sleep In Heavenly Peace website and "Apply for a Bed".



Members from our congregation that volunteered were: Tim Bartelt and Chris Stogbauer on Friday; Barry & Cindy Krenz,

Joe & Alice Zuelsdorff, Randy & Cindy Braatz, Steve & Jessica Pfaff and family and Don Voight - all on Saturday.

**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

CHECK IT OUT!

The new website for Faith is up and running.

<https://faithlutheranmerrill.com>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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