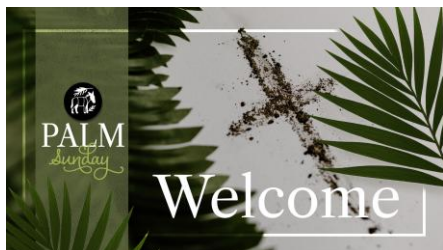




PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA TO THE KING

**St. John's Lutheran
Church - Hamburg
Faith Lutheran Church**
Sunday, March 29, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.



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.

Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us — the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB #443

INVOCATION

P Jesus said “Where two or three are gathered together in my name there I am in the midst of them. (*Matthew 18:20*) Likewise, in the last chapter of Matthew Jesus says “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (*Matthew 28:19-20*) Therefore, we begin our worship Service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

**We Confess Our Sins &
Receive God's Almighty Forgiveness**

- P** “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** (1 John 1:8-9)

*a moment of silence
for private confession & self-reflection*

- C** **Almighty God, I am a sinner. I have sinned against you in my thoughts and my words. I have sinned in what I have done or left undone. Without Your Almighty forgiveness, I would be lost forever to sin, eternal death, and the devil. I therefore call to You and ask that You would forgive me in the name of Christ Jesus and for His sake. Wash away all my sins and renew me as Your child and heir of eternal life. Amen!**

- P** “Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.” (*based on Ps 32:1,2*) Upon, 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, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:23*) “Be of Good Cheer; your sins are forgiven you. (*Matt. 9:2 KJV*) Now, go live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with honest repentance. (*Eph. 4:1; Matthew 8:3*)

- C** **“The life I now live in the body I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave himself for me.” In view of Your mercy, O God help me to live my life as a living sacrifice to you. (*Galatians 3:20; Romans 12:1*)**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB #537

The Holy Spirit Teaches Us Through The Holy Word of God

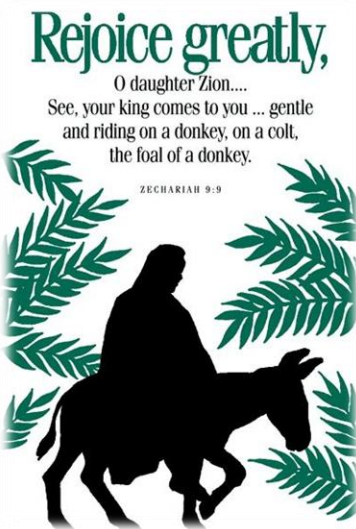
- P** “and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
- C** **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having
salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a
donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim
and the war horse from
Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut
off,
and he shall speak peace to
the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to
sea,



and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P “no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man,

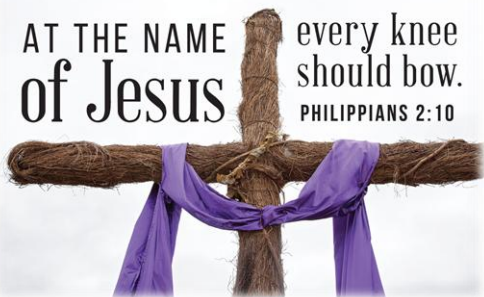
C **but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”** (2 Peter 1:20-21)

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2:5-11

AT THE NAME
of Jesus

every knee
should bow.
PHILIPPIANS 2:10



⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born

in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P “The grass withers and the flowers fall,

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

SPECIAL CHORAL MUSIC
“Hosanna”

Christian Gregor

HOLY GOSPEL
John 12:12-15

Hosanna!
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna!
Hosanna

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

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

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB #442 verses 1-3

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 Offerings Unto the Lord

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB #806

The Family Of God Prayers Together

P ...(*prayers*) Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed by 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 and 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

CLOSING HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

LSB #441



Maundy Thursday (Wednesday), April 1

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
at St. John's

Maundy Thursday, April 2

11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Good Friday, April 3

1:00 p.m. Worship at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at St. John's

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4

6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil at St. John's (30 minute
silent prayer sessions)

Easter Sunday, April 5

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

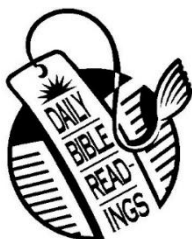
10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

A DRAMATIC EASTER MUSICAL

BOW THE KNEE

See the annual musical presentation
of the Gospel at at Zion Lutheran
Church in the Town of Easton,
Aniwa... just East of Wausau, on
Palm Sunday, March 29 at 2:30 p.m.





DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Exodus 8:1-32; Psalm 118;
Hebrews 1:1-14

Monday: Exodus 9:1-28;
Lamentations 1:1-22; Hebrews 2:1-18

Tuesday: Exodus 9:29 – 10:20;
Lamentations 2:1-22; Hebrews 3:1-19

Wednesday: Exodus 10:21 – 11:10; Lamentations 3:1-66;
Hebrews 4:1-16

Thursday: Exodus 12:1-28; Lamentations 4:1-22;
Hebrews 5:1-14; Psalm 31

Friday: Exodus 12:29-32; 13:1-16; Lamentations 5:1-22;
Hebrews 6:1-20; Psalm 22

Saturday: Exodus 13:17- 14:9; Hebrews 7:1-22



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following
in your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Lisa Burish Joe Calmes
David Czech Doris Dahlke Rodney Dahlke
Alice Fromm Christopher Emmerich Wallace Emmerich
Duane Grunenwald Gerhard Hannemann
Angie Harkner Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade
Jordan Knoble Rob Koebe Jim Koebe Hugo Koppa
Karen Love Bob Meyer Gene Mootz Debbie Olson
Sarah Piel Mark Pester Bob Porath Marge Radenz
Karen Rajek Jo Schedler MiKenzie Schultz
Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech
Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson Laurie Young
Susie and Ellie Zastrow



**Sunday School classes at Faith will
conclude on Palm Sunday, March 29.
Classes will resume in September.**



**ST. JOHN'S and FAITH
CALENDAR**

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

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

Sunday School during Sermon

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

Monday, March 30

NO MONDAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, April 1 *Maundy Thursday*

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Guild

Thursday, April 2 *Maundy Thursday*

11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

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

Friday, April 3 *Good Friday*

1:00 p.m. Worship at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at St. John's

Saturday, April 4

6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. John's

Sunday, April 5 *Easter*

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

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

Monday, April 6

NO MONDAY WORSHIP

Tuesday, April 7

1:00 p.m. Women of Faith

Wednesday, April 8

10:00 a.m. AbleLight

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, March 26

10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's

SPRING INTO ACTION with Faith Scrip! As spring starts blooming, it's time to turn over a "new" leaf. There are gift cards for home improvement, gardening, and trips for Spring Break. Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program. ... *All without it costing you an extra penny!*



Easter Lilies

In the beauty and celebration of Easter, we are decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex at Faith with Easter lilies. Donations will be taken through today, Sunday, March 29. Forms are available on the Scrip table in the back of church.



LENTEN SEASON – BABY CARE KITS: Stewardship and Evangelism will be collecting items to make Baby Care Kits that can be given to Homeless Shelters or to Haven in Merrill. Items to be collected could be as follows: Diapers, Light weight cotton T-shirts, Receiving blankets, Socks or booties, Bath-size bars of gentle soap, Sleepers and Cotton blend hand towels. Sizes can be from 6 – 24 months. There is a crib in the overflow area for your special gifts. Please have to church by Sunday, April 4



The Evangelism and Stewardship at St. John's continues their **FOOD FOR KIDS DRIVE through March 29**. To help bridge the "hunger gap for Maple Grove students when school is not in session over Easter break. Nonperishable items such as mac and cheese, cereal, oatmeal, canned soups, fruits and vegetables should be at church today, March 29.

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

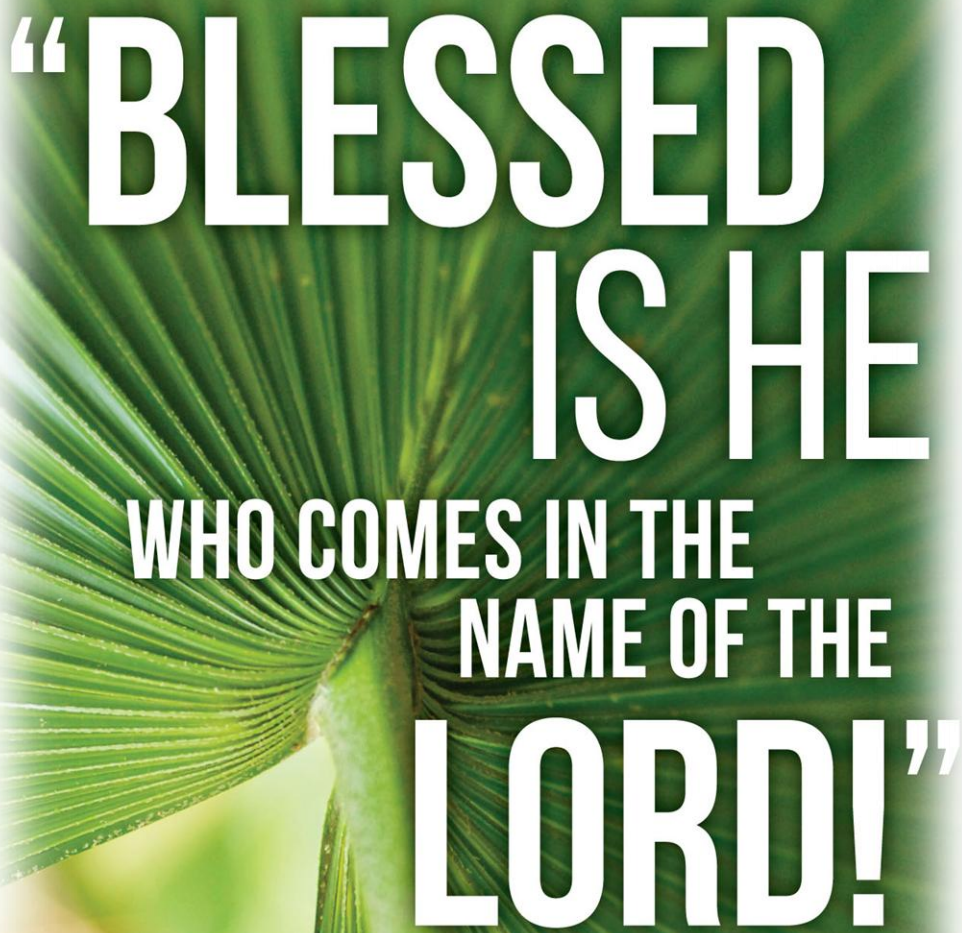
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
15425 County Road K South, Merrill, WI 54452 or

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

134058 County Road L, Athens, WI 54411

(Please do not send hard cash through the mail)

Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at Pastor's (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith Lutheran Church, or on the church website at www.faithlutheranmerrill.com



**“BLESSED
IS HE
WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE
LORD!”**

JOHN 12:13, NIV