

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 14 and Monday, September 15, 2024

Luke 10:25 – "And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Talk about the wrong question! You can't do anything to inherit something. It's either yours by birth, or you are not in the family and there's nothing you can do to inherit it. We are part of the family through Baptism. We don't have to buy our way into the kingdom. We are brought in by the precious Blood of Christ. Our good works are not the purchase price of the kingdom. They are simply what the children of the Father want to do in thanksgiving to Him.



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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# IJSpecial Music Jeremy Fromm and Ed StiverJJ



- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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#### INVOCATION

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has P 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 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.

 $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

"God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in P 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.)

- $\mathbf{P}$ We confess:
- God forgive me, a sinner. Most merciful God, we  $\mathbf{C}$ 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.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-P 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 PSALM**

Psalm 119:9-16 ESV

- P How can a young man keep his way pure?
- By guarding it according to Your word.

How can a young person stay on the path of PURITY?

By living according to YOUR

WORD.

PSALM 119:9, NIV

- P With my whole heart I seek You;
- C let me not wander from Your commandments!
- I have stored up Your word in my heart,
- that I might not sin against You.
- P Blessed are You, O Lord;
- c teach me Your statutes!

- P With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.
- In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.
- I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.
- I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

#### ■ GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD ■

- "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.
- "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)

#### FIRST LESSON

<sup>11</sup> "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places have where thev been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I

#### Ezekial 34:11-24



will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

17 "As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. 18 Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? 19 And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup> "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,

"but the Word of God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

#### RESPONSIVE HYMN "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.

> Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He will stay Close beside me all the way, He will love me when I die And will take me home on high.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me this I know Though my hair is white as snow, Though my sight is growing dim, Still He bids me trust in Him.

> Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

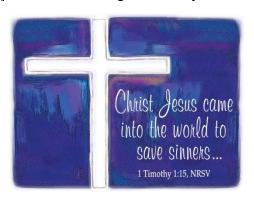
#### **SECOND LESSON**

1 Timothy 1:5-17

<sup>5</sup> The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup> Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup> desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

<sup>8</sup> Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup> understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup> the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup> in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

<sup>12</sup> I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor,



and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because had ı ignorantly in acted unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love Christ that are in Jesus. 15 The saying and is trustworthy deserving of full

acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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#### HYMN

"Near the Cross"

- 1 Jesus keep me near the cross
  There a precious fountain
  Free to all a healing stream
  Flows from Calv'ry's mountain
  In the cross in the cross
  Be my glory ever
  Till my raptured soul shall find
  Rest beyond the river
- 2 Near the cross a trembling soul
  Love and Mercy found me
  There the bright and morning star
  Sheds its beams around me
  In the cross in the cross
  Be my glory ever
  Till my raptured soul shall find
  Rest beyond the river
- 3 Near the cross O Lamb of God
  Bring its scenes before me
  Help me walk from day to day
  With its shadows o'er me
  In the cross in the cross
  Be my glory ever
  Till my raptured soul shall find
  Rest beyond the river
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait
  Hoping trusting ever
  Till I reach the golden strand
  Just beyond the river
  In the cross in the cross
  Be my glory ever
  Till my raptured soul shall find
  Rest beyond the river

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he



lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he home. he calls comes together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous who need persons repentance.

<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

- "As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, 'Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.'
- "He replied, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God, and obey it." (Luke11:27-28)



#### **₩ SERMON**

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#### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#### "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

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#### **▼ INSTALLATION OF EDUCATION STAFF ▼**



PLet us hear the Word of Jesus, our Savior, that He spoke throughout His ministry, concerning the importance of ministry to children, and let us note them well.

#### Matthew 10:42

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

#### **Matthew 18:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

#### Matthew 18:10

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

#### Matthew 19:13-14

- <sup>13</sup> Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, <sup>14</sup> but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."
- Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you have come to be placed as teachers in Saint John's/Faith Sunday School a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy. You are to assist the ministry of the Word by instructing God's children according to His Holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the word of God and the faith drawn from it as has been delivered to us in the creeds and confessions of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. While holiness of life and work is the

way of all who trust in Christ, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be patterns of good works and Christian devotion. In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the responsibilities entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in Him and conforming yourself to His Word? If so, answer: "I do."

Teachers: I do.

- I therefore place you as teachers of St. John's/Faith Sunday School in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- The Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, enlighten and strengthen you in your responsibilities, that you may be good and faithful teachers, to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, to these, Your people, the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness, and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide; and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us, that all may know You and, from the least to the greatest, praise You now and forever.
- C Amen.

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

#### **▼ THE LORD'S PRAYER**

- Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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 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.





#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday:** 22 Chronicles 33:1-25; Jonah 1:1 – 4:11; Colossians 1:24 – 2:7

Monday: 2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33;

Nahum 1:1 – 3:19; Colossians 2:8-23 **Tuesday:** 2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25; Zephaniah 1:1 – 3:20; Colossians 3:1-25 **Wednesday:** 2 Chronicles 36:1-23;

Philemon 1:1-25; Colossians 4:1-18

**Thursday:** Nehemiah 1:1 – 2:10; Haggai 1:1 – 2:23;

1 Timothy 1:1-20

**Friday:** Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6; 1 Timothy 2:1-15 **Saturday:** Nehemiah 4:7-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-16



## FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Gary Baumann Joe Calmes
David Czech Rodney Dahlke
Alice Fromm Christopher Emmerich
Wallace Emmerich

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# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 Sunday School is back in session

Classes at St. John's during the sermon Classes at Faith begin at 9:30 a.m.



#### CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

#### Sunday, September 14 RALLY DAY

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

Sunday School during the sermon at St. John's

9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

4:30 p.m. ISI at the Pfingsten Home, Tomahawk

Monday, September 15

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith Wednesday, September 17

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, September 18

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

Sunday, September 21

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

Sunday School during the sermon at St. John's

9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

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 at Faith

Monday, September 22

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith Wednesday, September 24

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, September 25

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

Sunday, September 29

10:00 a.m. POLKA SERVICE at Faith

Potluck following service

Monday, September 30

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

#### **TODAY IRON SHARPENS IRON (ISI)**

Sunday, September 14 at 4:30 p.m. Bruce Pfingsten's home, W5110 Nibler Road, Tomahawk



#### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

#### **COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS**

on Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at St. John-Hamburg.



Saturday, September 27. Join the NORTH WISCONSIN AND SOUTH WISCONSIN LLL DISTRICT AT THEIR ANNUAL JOINT CONVENTION hosted at Peace Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin. All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour. Information available from the North Wisconsin District Office at 715-845-8241

The **NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERING** will be held on October 14, 2025 at Mt. Olive, Weston. The speaker is Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola. "On Our Way Home: A Journey through the Lord's Prayer." Deadline to register is September 26. Brochures and registration pamphlets are available in the back of both Faith and St. John's Churches. For more information contact the North Wisconsin District Office at 715-845-8241





### POLKA SERVICE

at Faith on Sunday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m.

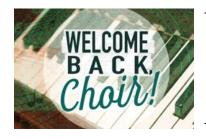
Pots-Blessing following the Service with a Free Will Offering. BBQ, Chips and Refreshments will be

provided Proceeds will be given to the Klade family.

For those that are able, please bring a dish to pass. A sign up sheet will be in the back of church starting Sunday, September 7 to sign up for your potluck dish



**FALL IS APPROACHING! FOOTBALL! BASEBALL!** 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!



choir at faith will resume on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. beginning in October.

New members are always welcome.



+ St. John's is in need of candy donations for their TRUCK AND TREAT EVENT on October 25 in St. John's Parking lot starting at 2:00 p.m. Please donate candies that would not promote anything scary or supernatural.

- + Special Church <u>VETERANS DAY SERVICE</u> and Breakfast November 9. *Everyone is welcome*.
- + Old but Useable **GUITARS**. Do you have an old but usable guitar that you would be willing to donate? *Pastor Love will be offering free guitar lessons on Thursday afternoons at St. John's Hamburg.*

#### **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

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