



*Hallelujah!*

*The Lord  
is risen indeed.*

*LUKE 24:34*

**Faith Lutheran Church  
St. John's Lutheran Church - Hamburg  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 7 and Monday, April 8, 2024**

**John 20:19** – *“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”* The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.



**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.

## 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 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 question 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.*"



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service IV

LSB page 203

## OPENING HYMN

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*

LSB #477

## 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.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 148

P <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**C** <sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his  
hosts!**

**P** <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you  
shining stars!

**C** <sup>4</sup>**Praise him, you highest  
heavens,  
and you waters  
above the heavens!**

**P** <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of  
the LORD!

For he commanded  
and they were created.

**C** <sup>6</sup>**And he established them  
forever and ever;**

**he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

**P** <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

**C** <sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

**P** <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

**C** <sup>10</sup>**Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

**P** <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**C** <sup>12</sup>**Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!**

**P** <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**C** <sup>14</sup>**He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
Praise the LORD!**



HIS NAME ALONE IS  
**EXALTED.**  
PSALM 148:13

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT**

**C** You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

P *What does this mean?*

**C We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

**First Reading**

**Acts 4:32–35**

<sup>32</sup>The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in

common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*All  
the  
Believers  
were one  
in Heart  
and Mind.*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

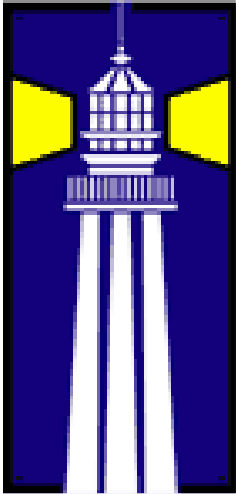
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

He has put all things under His feet.

### Epistle

**1 John 1:1—2:2**

**GOD  
IS LIGHT;**



**IN HIM  
THERE IS NO  
DARKNESS  
AT ALL.**

**1 JOHN 1:5**

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If

we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 205*

## **Holy Gospel**

*John 20:19–31*

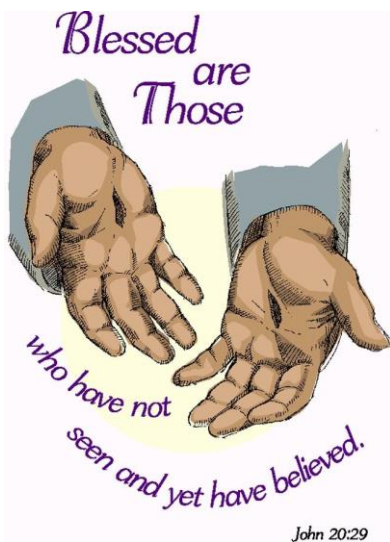
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and



see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing

you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 206*

**SERMON HYMN**

***“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”***

**LSB #488**

**Sermon**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Offering**

**OFFERTORY**

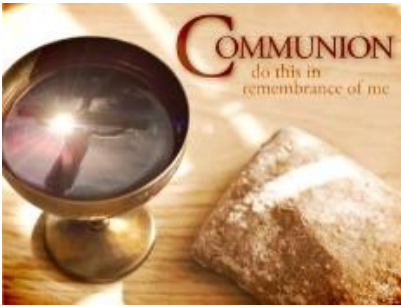
***“We Give Thee But Thine Own”***

**LSB #781 vs. 1–2**



## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 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 closed communion. We believe that those who commune together must confess the same faith. 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.

**Preface** *LSB 208*

**Sanctus** *LSB 208*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *LSB 209*

**Lord's Prayer** *LSB 209*

#### **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."

**Pax Domini** *LSB 209*

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 210

**Distribution**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

***“O Sons and Daughters of the King”***

**LSB #470**

***“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”***

**LSB #490**

***“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”***

**LSB #466**

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 211

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

LSB 212

**CLOSING HYMN**

***“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”***

**LSB #924**

**Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday:** Exodus 20:1-24;

Luke 4:1-15

**Monday:** Exodus 22:20 – 23:13;

Luke 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** Exodus 23:14-33;

Luke 4:31-44

**Wednesday:** Exodus 24:1-18;

Luke 5:1-16

**Thursday:** Exodus 25:1-22; Exodus 25:23 – 30:38;

Luke 5:17-39

**Friday:** Exodus 31:1-18; Luke 6:1-19

**Saturday:** Exodus 32:1-14; Luke 6:20-38





**Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI)**  
**today, Sunday, April 7**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**Bruce Pfingsten's home**  
**W5110 Nibler Road**  
**Tomahawk, WI**

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

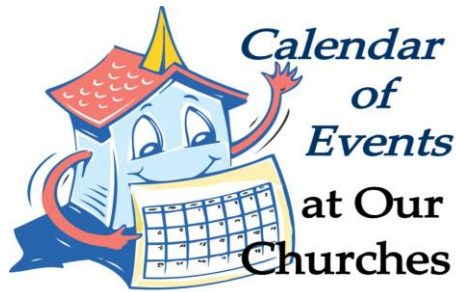


Gary Baumann Levi Blum  
Cindy Braatz Rev. David Bray  
Bob Burish Beth Czech  
Dave Czech Cheryl Dahlke  
Doris Dahlke Steve Dahlke  
Dean Duncan Alice Fromm  
Lydia Goetsch  
Brian Grueneberg David Hinz  
Wallace Emmerich Jeff Fox Angie Harkner Emma Hein  
Andy Jacobson Dale Janisch  
Cecilia Elizabeth & Lucille Alexandria Klade  
Emily Klug Bruce Laatsch Jeremy Lee  
Cindy Luedtke Debbie Olson Mark Pester  
Marge Radenz Karen Rajek  
Rev. Wm. & LuAnn Ruhbusch Jo Schedler Carl Uttech  
Susie and Ellie Zastrow Zulliger family



**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, April 14**  
**8:30 a.m.**

The daycare kids will be singing. Also a special children's sermon. After the service, brunch will be served. Everyone is welcome! There's a sign-up sheet in the back of church for those planning to attend. The Boards of Evangelism and Stewardship are sponsoring the special day at no charge to participants.



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

### **Sunday, April 7**

- 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 Bruce Pfingsten's in Tomahawk

### **Monday, April 8**

- 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith  
**6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith**  
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting at Faith

### **Tuesday, April 9**

- 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting at St. John's  
7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

### **Wednesday, April 10**

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

### **Sunday, April 14** *DAYCARE SUNDAY at ST. JOHN'S*

- 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, April 15**

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

### **Wednesday, April 17**

- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

### **Saturday, April 20**

*LWML Spring Rally at St. Paul's, Irma*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please join us for the VBS meeting at Faith on April 28. Meeting will start after worship at 11:15 a.m. A light lunch will be served. We look forward to seeing you there. VBS is Monday and Tuesday, June 10 and 11 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, June 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Our theme is *A WALK WITH JESUS*.

**THE ROBINS ARE CHIRPING!** For all your spring projects and activities as well as personal and household needs such as gas and food, don't forget to pick up Scrip Cards. Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program ... *all without it costing you an extra penny!*



## Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Love and everyone at Faith who helped to make my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday a special one. Thank you to the Evangelism and Stewardship Board for the cake and birthday treats, flowers and balloons and to everyone who signed cards and sent well wishes. Thanks also to Terry Seidler for all of his time and extra help with the flowers and palms. It truly made my day a memorable one. God's blessings to you all.

*Mabel Marquardt*

*"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 118:29*



## **SPECIAL OUTREACH**

*On the weekends of **April 7-8**  
**and 14-15** at Faith, non-  
perishable food items, personal  
hygiene items, cleaning  
products and paper items will be collected for  
**HAVEN in Merrill and The Gospel TLC in**  
**Weston.***

Suggestions for such items for both centers include

- Non-Perishable Food Items
- Kleenex
- Paper Towel
- Toilet Paper
- Copy Paper
- Dishwasher Pods
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Disposable Vinyl Gloves in M, L, and XL
- Bleach
- Distilled Water
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Men's Deodorant
- Ziplock Bags – all sizes
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Napkins
- Aluminum Foil
- Saran Wrap
- Parchment Paper
- Glade Plug-In Refills
- Scrubbing Bubbles Shower Cleaner
- Laundry Pods
- Dryer Sheets
- WalMart Gift Cards

Any Monetary Donations will be used to purchase WalMart gift cards

# Join us for Day Care Celebration Sunday

April 14, 2024



St. John's Lutheran Church  
134058 County Road L  
Hamburg, Wisconsin

**Church Service at 8:30 am**

Brunch will be served  
after service.

## **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**

Road K

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 Merrill Facebook Page <https://faithmerrill.webs.com/>**

*“AS I HAVE  
LOVED YOU,  
SO YOU MUST  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.”*