



He made THE moon  
TO mark  
THE seasons;  
THE sun KNOWS  
ITS TIME  
FOR SETTING.

PSALM 104:19, ESV

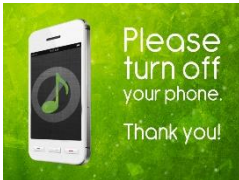
**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 15 and  
Monday, September 16, 2024**

**Mark 9:24 – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’”** Haven’t we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

# WELCOME TO 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.



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.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
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## OPENING HYMN

*“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*      **LSB #849**

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all  
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## CONFESION and ABSOLUTION

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** 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 all of you, and in the stead and by the

command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 116:1–9

**P** <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**C** <sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**P** <sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;



I suffered distress and anguish.

**C** <sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

**P** <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

our God is merciful.

**C** <sup>6</sup>The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

**P** <sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

**C** <sup>8</sup>For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

**P** <sup>9</sup>I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

**GLORIA PATRI**

*LSB 186*

**KYRIE**

*LSB 186*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## CATECHISM REVIEW

## The Seventh Petition

**P** *But deliver us from evil.*

**C** **But deliver us from evil.**

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

**C** **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 50:4–10*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word

him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD  
and obeys the voice of his servant?  
Let him who walks in darkness  
and has no light  
trust in the name of the LORD  
and rely on his God.

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

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

## **GRADUAL**

*Psalm 34:9, 19*

**P** Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

## **EPISTLE**

*James 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with

greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.



How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by

hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA**

*LSB 190*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

***Mark 9:14–29***

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."



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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



## NICENE CREED

**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## SERMON HYMN

*“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*

LSB #611

## SERMON

OFFERTORY *“Create in Me”*

LSB 192

## OFFERING

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## 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 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

*LSB 195*

### LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 196*

**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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB 197*

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*

**LSB #618**

*"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"*

**LSB #619**

*"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"*

**LSB #554**

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

*LSB 199*

## **THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 200*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore

You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## **BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*“Christ the Eternal Lord”*

**LSB #829**

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We continue to pray for hope and comfort  
for the families of

**LYDIA GOETSCH**

June 1, 1932 – September 3, 2024

**DELORES GAST**

September 30, 1932 – August 29, 2024

**LUANN RUHBUSCH**

June 8, 1933 – September 7, 2024



**Sunday:** 2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33;  
Nahum 1:1 – 3:19; Colossians 2:8-23

**Monday:** 2 Chronicles 35:11-7, 16-25;

Zephaniah 1:1 – 3:20; Colossians 3:1-25

**Tuesday:** 2 Chronicles 36:1-23; Philemon 1 – 25;

Colossians 4: 1-18

**Wednesday:** Nehemiah 1:1 – 2:10; Haggai 1:1 – 2:23;  
1 Timothy 1:1-30

**Thursday:** Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6; 1 Timothy 2:1-15

**Friday:** Nehemiah 4:7-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-16

**Saturday:** Nehemiah 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16; 1 Timothy 4:1-16



## FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following  
in your prayers:

Gary Baumann Bob Burish

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Rodney Dahlke Steve Dahlke

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

**Sunday, September  
15**

**8:30 a.m. Worship**

**with Holy Communion at St. John's**

*Sunday School during Sermon at St. John's*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

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 Study at Faith

**Monday, September 16**

5:30 p.m. Choir at Faith

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

**Tuesday, September 17**

6:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith

**Wednesday, September 18**

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

**Sunday, September 22**

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

**10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith**

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

**Monday, September 23**

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

**6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith**

**Wednesday, September 25**

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith



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 Bartelt (715-574-1261) of the Maine Lion's Club.



**CHOIR AT FAITH** will resume on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. beginning Monday, September 16. New members are always welcome.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING**  
**Sunday, September 29**

Polka Service/Chili Dinner

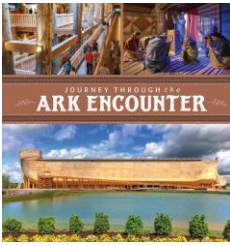
*Offering will go to the Klade family to help with medical costs for their twins, Lucille and Cecelia*



**NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERING.**

Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration & morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Devotions will be led by District President Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, will share a message based on his book "Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah" which is included with each registration. The \$40 registration fee includes morning refreshments, program, lunch and Dr. Lessing's book. Registration deadline is October 1st. A freewill offering will be collected to support Peru missions. Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the NWD homepage at [www.nwdlcms.org](http://www.nwdlcms.org) under 'Events and Info'.





**CIRCUIT 6  
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. Final payment is due October 1st.

**FALL IS APPROACHING! HARVEST SEASON IS HERE!**

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!



**Monday, September 16**

5:30 p.m. Choir resumes at Faith

**Sunday, September 29**

10:00 a.m. Dual Parish Polka Service at Faith  
Chili Dinner following worship

**Saturday, October 12**

LWML Zone Rally at St. John's. Watch for upcoming information.

**Sunday, October 20**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pancake Dinner at Faith





**SIGN UP SHEETS** are in the back of church for help with the Chili Dinner on September 29 and for help with the Pancake Dinner and Bake Sale on October 20.



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Troy and Susan Krombholz are looking to rent a house while traveling for treatments for a pancreatic illness. They would like to rent in the Maine or Hamburg area. They have 2 young boys - 8 & 10 years old - and no pets. If

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Or Email at [contacttroyk@gmail.com](mailto:contacttroyk@gmail.com)

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