

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 18 and Monday, August 19, 2024**

**Ephesians 5:6-7 – “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them.”** The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we would do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). We are the Lord’s servants; therefore we cling to His Word.



**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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**Divine Service I**  
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## OPENING HYMN

*“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”*

LSB #904

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

### Invocation

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

### Confession and Absolution

- 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 34:12–22

**P** <sup>12</sup>What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

**C** <sup>13</sup>**Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.**

**P** <sup>14</sup>Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

**C** <sup>15</sup>**The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.**

**P** <sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

**C** <sup>17</sup>**When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

**P** <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

**C** <sup>19</sup>**Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**P** <sup>20</sup>He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

**C** <sup>21</sup>**Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

**P** <sup>22</sup>The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.



**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.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **CATECHISM REVIEW - *The Fourth Petition***

**P** *Give us this day our daily bread.*

**C** **Give us today our daily bread.**

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

**C** **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

**P** *What is meant by daily bread?*

**C** **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Proverbs 9:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house;  
she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;

she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call

from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”

To him who lacks sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

<sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

<sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

<sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.



## Reading

*Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, . . .

<sup>14</sup>“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

AS FOR ME  
AND MY  
family,  
WE WILL SERVE  
THE  
Lord.  
JOSHUA 24:15. NLT

## Gradual

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.

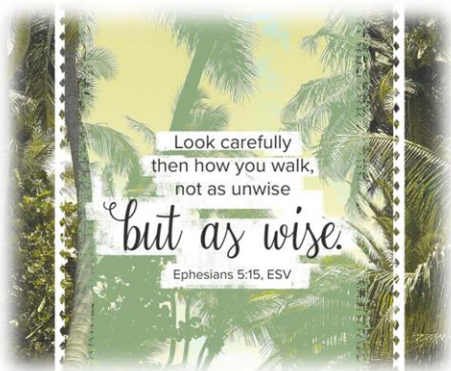
## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:6–21*

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.



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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

## Holy Gospel

John 6:51–69

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

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

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

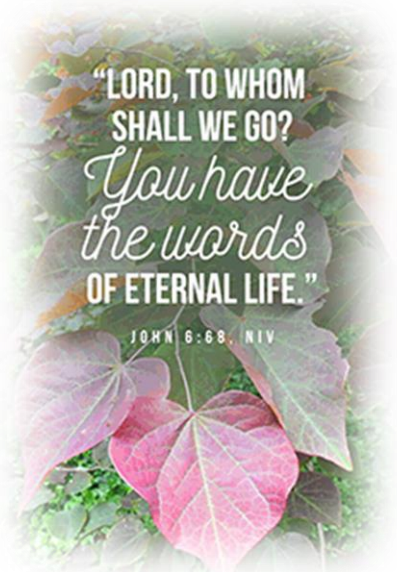
<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So



Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”



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

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

## SERMON HYMN

*“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*      LSB #655

### Sermon

#### 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 of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayers of the Church

## Offering

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“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



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**Preface**

*LSB 160*

**Sanctus**

*LSB 161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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

**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 163

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Distribution

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

***“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”*** **LSB #637**

***“Oh, Blest the House”*** **LSB #862**

***“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”*** **LSB #618**

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction LSB 166

### CLOSING HYMN

***“On What Has Now Been Sown”*** **LSB #921**

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday:** 2 Samuel 7:18-29; 1 Corinthians 10:23 – 11:16

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 11:1-27; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 12:1-25; 2 Samuel 13:1 – 19:43;  
1 Corinthians 12:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35; 1 Corinthians 12:14-31

**Thursday:** 1 Kings 2:1-27; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13;  
1 Corinthians 14:1 – 16:24

**Friday:** 1 Kings 3:1-15; 1 Kings 3:16 – 4:34;  
2 Corinthians 1:1-22

**Saturday:** 1 Kings 5:1-18; 1 Kings 6:1 – 7:30;  
2 Corinthians 1:23 – 2:17

**THANK YOU** *to all of the congregation members of St. John's who helped take down the playground fence for the daycare program and put up a new one and spread wood chips. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and from the daycare kids also.* Ms. Patti

## CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

### Sunday, August 18

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. Evangelism and Stewardship Meeting at Faith

### Monday, August 19

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

### Sunday, August 25

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

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

Women of Faith Summer Outing

### Monday, August 26

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith



Check Your  
Calendar

## FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in  
your prayers:



Gary Baumann   Bob Burish  
Cheryl Dahlke   Doris Dahlke  
Rodney Dahlke   Steve Dahlke  
Alice Fromm   Lydia Goetsch  
Wallace Emmerich   Angie Harkner

Emma Hein   Dale Janisch

Cecelia Elizabeth & Lucille Alexandria Klade

Emily Klug   Rob Koebe   Bruce Krenz   Ron Lang

Debbie Olson   Mark Pester   Edgar Pfaff

Marge Radenz   Karen Rajek   Jo Schedler

Lorraine Steckling   Carl Uttech   Philip Vogel

Deb Wiederhoeft   Susie and Ellie Zastrow

**ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CARE-Hamburg** is looking for a



part time teacher willing to work afternoons who will work around schedule and must be flexible, fun loving and must love working with children Experience and education a must. If not, person must be willing to take classes. Call Patti at 715-539-8120 or text at 715-432-4858 for more information.



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.

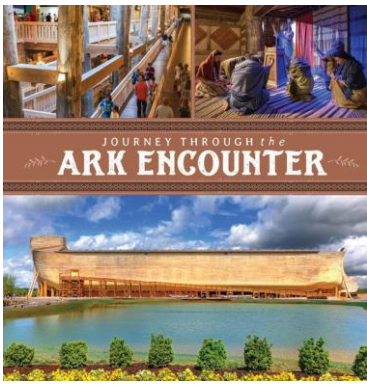


Stewardship and Evangelism at Faith is collecting **BACK TO SCHOOL** items for the two Lutheran schools in Merrill during the month of August.

Specific items requested include: size #10 Envelopes, boxes of Kleenex, sandwich and quart size “Ziploc” type

bags, Chlorox wipes, absorbent paper towel, empty and clean ice cream buckets with lids, any size sponge to be used in place of ice packs, regular 1x3 inch band-aids.

Other items include regular school supplies such as: wide lined spiral notebooks, #2 pencils, backpacks, 24 count small Crayola crayons, pencil cases, folders with pockets, children’s scissors, erasers, glue sticks. yellow highlighters, colored pencils.



### **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. Final payment is due October 1st.

# 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. Dr. Lessing currently serves in various roles such as The Edwin F. and Esther L. Laatsch Chair of Old Testament Studies, and Director of the Center for Biblical Studies at Concordia University in St. Paul just to name a few.

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’.



## ***End of Summer Events and Activities! Back to School!***

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!*





# Special Thank You



to all who helped organize and lead the Dual Parish Outdoor Worship on Sunday. It was a great success. We praise God for the beautiful summer day He gave us for our outdoor celebration where we knew the warmth of fellowship and the sunlight of God's love.



Sunday, August 25

**Women of Faith Outdoor Outing**  
following worship at Stogbauer's

Wednesday, September 4

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes starting

Sunday, September 8

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY**

at St. John's. Special Fellowship Hour following morning worship

Sunday, September 8

4:30 p.m. **ISI Men's Ministry** @ Chris Stogbauer cabin.

Sunday, September 15

**Sunday School resumes**

- At St. John's, Sunday School will meet during the sermon
- At Faith, Sunday School classes will meet at 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, October 12

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



# Grieving a loss?

Find hope and healing after  
the death of a loved one.

Join us at

**GriefShare®**

**Weekly grief support group**

**Where:** Trinity Church 107 N. State St. Merrill  
Church Basement

**Begins:** Monday, September 9, 2024  
(14 Sessions)

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00PM

**Contact:** Manda Norman at 715-351-1399  
or call Trinity Church to register. 715-536-5482  
-Open to the Community- [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

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Lutheran Merrill Facebook Page**

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YOUR WORDS...

are my

**JOY**

and my

**HEART'S**

**DELIGHT.**

JEREMIAH 15:16, NLT

