



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church - Hamburg**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

**John 3:6 – “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*”** In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God's math works differently as we might expect from the Trinity!. A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.



**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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP Divine Service III

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## OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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## 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** 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.

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- 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.**

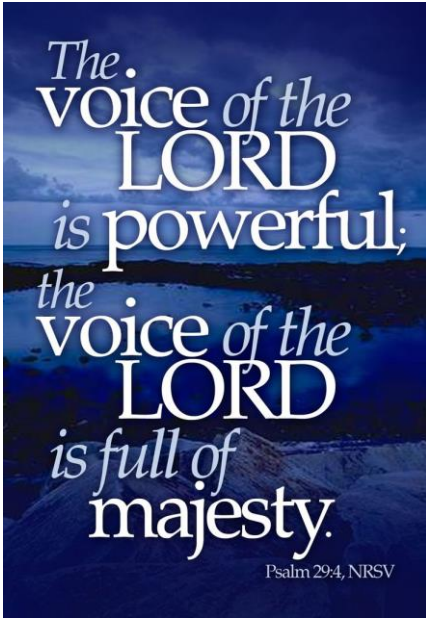
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- 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 29

- P** <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C** <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
- P** <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.



**C** <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

**P** <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C** <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**P** <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**C** <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**P** <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**C** <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**P** <sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Gloria Patri

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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 6:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”



<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
and I will declare your greatness.

## Second Reading

**Acts 2:14a, 22–36**

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,



“I saw the Lord always before  
me,

for he is at my right hand that I  
may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad,  
and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my  
soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see  
corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me  
the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness  
with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia**

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**Holy Gospel**

***John 3:1–17***


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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man

be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

## Trinity SUNDAY



"Very truly, I tell you,  
we speak of what we  
know and testify to what  
we have seen."

John 3:11, NRSV

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

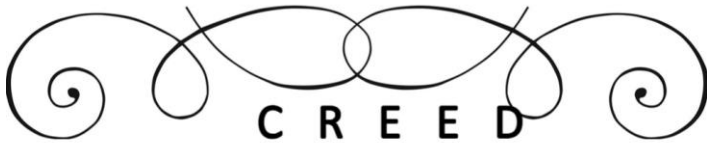
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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





# Athanasian



## CREED

- P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- P** And the catholic faith is this,
- C** **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

**C** and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

**P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**C** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

**P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**C** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

**P** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

**C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

**P** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

**C** The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

**P** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**C** And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

**P** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

**C** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

**P** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

**P** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

**C** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

- P** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- P** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

## SERMON HYMN

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

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Sermon

Offering

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”*

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Prayers of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

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- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

## Benediction

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## CLOSING HYMN

*“Glory Be to God the Father”*

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### HOLY TRINITY

**Sunday:** Numbers 35:9-30;  
Acts 1:1 – 7:60;  
Luke 24:28-53

**Monday:** Ecclesiastes 4:1-16;  
John 7:32-53

**Tuesday:** Ecclesiastes 5:1-20;  
John 8:1-20

**Wednesday:** Ecclesiastes 6:1 – 7:10; John 8:21-38

**Thursday:** Ecclesiastes 7:11-29; John 8:39-59

**Friday:** Ecclesiastes 8:1-7; John 9:1-23

**Saturday:** Ecclesiastes 9:1-17; John 9:24-41



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



Check Your  
Calendar

**Sunday, May 26**

- 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, May 27**

NO MONDAY WORSHIP AT FAITH

**Sunday, June 2 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

- 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**

**Monday, June 3**

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

**Tuesday, June 4**

- 6:30 p.m. Women of Faith**  
**7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's**

**Thursday, June 6**

- 6:30 p.m. Mary Martha Guild**

**Sunday, June 9**

- 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**

**Monday, June 10**

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



**THANK YOU**

Haven House and Gospel TLC extend their thanks to everyone for the recent donations. All items were greatly appreciated and needed.



**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  
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**AUGUST CALENDAR**

Note in your summer calendar

Tuesday, August 13

6:30 p.m.

**DUAL PARISH MEETING**

at St. John's



**PASTOR'S  
VACATION  
DATES**



*Pastor Love and his family  
will be on vacation  
June 17 – July 1*



# “A Walk With Jesus”

Vacation Bible School  
June 10-12, 2024

Check out the sign up sheets on the Scrip table in the back of church.

*Looking for willing volunteers for prep and set up food, get posters out, artistic work for decorations and backgrounds, teaching and helping in all age levels, registration for both children and adults.*

## Needed for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Queen or king size flat, solid color bed sheets would be appreciated. Also, large wicker or cloth baskets and large artificial green plants needed. All items will be returned after VBS. Please put your name on it.

Items needed by June 2. Bring items to St. John's or Faith. For more information or questions, contact Vicki Bartelt or Bonnie Grueneberg at Faith OR Kathy Sturm or Joy Free at St. John's



**VBS Registration Forms** are available on the counter in the back of church. Online Registration for children and adults can be done at [www.myvbs.org/churchoffice](http://www.myvbs.org/churchoffice)

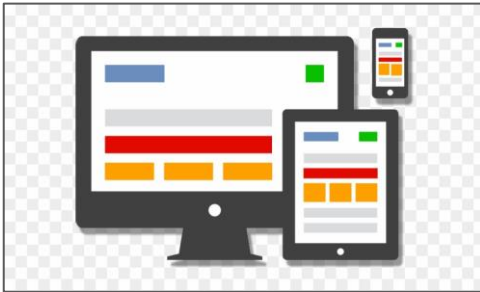


**Adult Class for VBS will focus on**  
**“A Walk through Colossians and God's Creation”**



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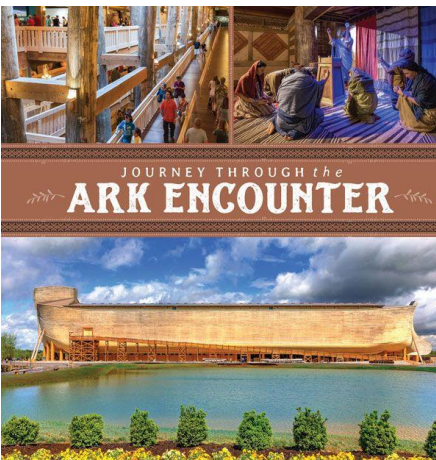
## Circuit 6 Family Ark Encounter Tour

**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. Please pick up a reservation form at your church office and mail in along with your deposit. Final payment is due October 1st.

Watch upcoming bulletins and the

June newsletter for detailed information.





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# MEMORIAL DAY

CELEBRATE • HONOR • REMEMBER



*Let's remember.*

The wife who lost her husband.  
The husband who lost his wife.

*Let's remember.*

The mother and father who lost  
their child.

*Let's remember.*

The child who lost a parent.

*Let's remember.*

To pray. To be grateful. To never  
take our freedom for granted.

Thank you to those who have been  
called to serve and to those who  
have given their lives.

*God Bless America*

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**June 10 - 12, 2024**  
**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
*(Meal provided starting at 5:00 p.m.)*

Provided by Faith Lutheran Church, Merrill and St. John's Lutheran Church, Hamburg

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JIM PEKOL & GB BAND

## FRIDAY

3:30PM - A DELICIOUS FISH FRY (UNTIL GONE)

4:00PM - 7:00PM - MUSIC BY CARL JACKSON - BARN DANCE BAND  
CONCESSION STAND • BOUNCY HOUSE

## SATURDAY

START 11:00AM - BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT  
(CONTACT DESIRAE AT 715-803-3514 FOR INFORMATION)

3:30PM - PIZZA KILN WOODFIRE OVEN MAKING PIZZAS ON SITE

4:00PM - 7:00PM - MUSIC BY KT COUNTRY

7:00PM - 11:00PM - MUSIC BY BOGFOOT  
CONCESSION STAND, RAFFLES, KIDS GAMES, BOUNCY HOUSE

## SUNDAY

10:00AM - 11:00AM - POLKA CHURCH SERVICE

11:00 AM - UNTIL GONE - BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

11:00AM - 1:00PM - MUSIC BY BRYCE THOMASCHEFSKY

1:00PM - 4:00PM - MUSIC BY JIM PEKOL & GB BAND  
CONCESSION STAND, KIDS GAMES, BOUNCY HOUSE  
RAFFLE CLOSSES AT 3:30PM. PRIZES DRAWN @ 4PM

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