

The LORD
is my strength
and my shield...
with my song
I give thanks
to him.

Psalm 28:7, NRSV

DUAL PARISH OUTDOOR WORSHIP
St. John's Lutheran Church - Hamburg
Faith Lutheran Church
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 11 and Monday, August 12, 2024

Ephesians 4:28 – “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.” God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That’s how so many of God’s blessings go: He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.



WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Mel Kuehn “The Family Bible”

Ed Stiver

OPENING SONGS

“Open the eyes of my heart Lord”

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart Lord.
I want to see you. I want to see you. (repeat)

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your Glory.
Lord pour out your power and love,
As we sing.
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy

I want to see you.

“Step-By-Step”

Oh God you are my God, and I will ever praise You.
Oh God you are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will praise You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days.

INVOCATION

P: Jesus said, "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 to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Therefore, we begin our worship, in the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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.**

*A moment of silence is observed for reflection
on God's Word and for self-examination*

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 of 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. (John 20:23)

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE SONG “Amazing Grace”

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven’s joy and peace.

- 5 When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 34:1–8

- P: ¹I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- C: ²**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
- P: ³Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
- C: ⁴**I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

- P: ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- C: ⁶ **This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**
- P: ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- C: ⁸ **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

RESPONSIVE SONG *“In Christ Alone”*

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found,
 He is my light, my strength, my song
 This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
 My Comforter, my All in All
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe.
 This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
 Till on that cross as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied
 For every sin on Him was laid
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3 There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
 Then bursting forth in glorious day
 Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
 For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 This is the power of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand
 Till He returns or calls me home
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

✂ **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD** ✂

- P: “Jesus replied to Satan, ‘Man does not live on bread alone,’”
 C: **“but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”**
(Matthew 4:4)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 19:1–8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

- P: “The grass withers and the flowers fall.
 C: **“but the Word of God stands forever.”** *(Isaiah 40:8)*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Misty Vogel

“You Say” by Lauren Daigle

P: “And how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus,

C: **“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

EPISTLE Ephesians 4:17—5:2

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self,^[a] which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and

clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Special Music – Jeremy Fromm

P: “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men,

C: **“but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”** (*1 Thessalonians 2:13-14*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL - John 6:35–51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the

Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ 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.”

✠ CHILDREN’S SERMON ✠

SERMON HYMN “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

Refrain Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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✠ SERMON ✠

✠ THE APOSTLES’ CREED ✠

(spoken in unison)

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day, He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

✠ WE BRING OUR FIRST FRUITS TO THE LORD ✠

MUSICAL RESPONSE “I’ll Fly Away”

1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by I'll fly away

2 When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Chorus I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by I'll fly away

3 Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

Chorus I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by I'll fly away

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✘ THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER ✘

*(Following each petition, the Pastor will say,
“Lord, in Your mercy,” and the congregation is to respond:
“Hear our prayer.”)*

✘ THE LORD’S PRAYER ✘

(spoken in unison)

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 today 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. Amen!

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “How Great Thou Art”

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed

Chorus Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Chorus*

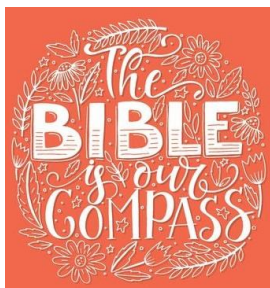
3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Chorus Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!

Chorus

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: 1 Samuel 26:1-25;
1 Samuel 27:1 – 28:2;
1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Monday: 1 Samuel 28:3-25;
1 Samuel 29:1 – 30:31;
1 Corinthians 6:1-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 31:1-13; 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 5:1-25; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Thursday: 2 Samuel 6:1-19; 1 Corinthians 9:1-23

Friday: 2 Samuel 7:1-17; 1 Corinthians 9:24 – 10:22

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

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



Check Your
Calendar

Sunday, August 11

10:00 a.m. Dual Parish Outdoor
Worship at St. John's

Monday, August 12

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting at Faith

Tuesday, August 13

6:30 p.m. Dual Parish Meeting at St. John's

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

FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in your prayers:



Gary Baumann Bob Burish
Cheryl Dahlke Doris 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

Prayers for the family of

Cindy Luedtke

August 29, 1959 –
August 4, 2024

Today, we pray that the light of God's face shines on you in the darkness of your grief and that you find rest for your weary hearts and broken spirit. Cindy's funeral was on Thursday at Faith with burial on Friday in the Maple Grove Cemetery.



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.

UPCOMING DATES



Tuesday, August 13
6:30 p.m. **DUAL PARISH MEETING** at St. John's

Sunday, September 29
10:00 a.m. **POLKA SERVICE** 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.



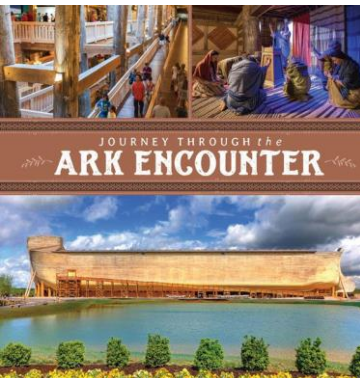


Stewardship and Evangelism at Faith is collecting **BACK TO SCHOOL** items for the two Lutheran schools in Merrill during the month of August.

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 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, Helpsupport the ministry of our church through the Scrip program ... *all without it costing you an extra penny!*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

15425 County Road K South
Merrill, WI 54452

or

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

134058 County Road L
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