

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
Veterans' Service
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 8, 2026 8:30 AM
Monday, November 9, 2026 6:30 PM



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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC – Ed Stiver, Jeremy Fromm
"God Bless the USA"

PRINTED ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN
"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" **LSB #594**

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM **LSB page 268**





Tobias James Blum

son of Nate and Sarah Blum

Sponsors Jacob Dahlke, Steven Pfaff, Sherrie White, Theresa Schmidt

MUSICAL RESPONSE
"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" **LSB #590 vs. 1 & 4**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son,† and of the Holy Spirit

C **Amen!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

P "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

C **If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.**

P 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, purifies us from all sin.

C **If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

P If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

C **If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives."***(1 John 1:5b-10)*

P Let us then confess our sins:

(A moment for silence for private personal confession to the One Who created us and redeemed us)

C **Gracious Father, we come before You as a rebellious and sinful people. We have disobeyed Your commandments; we have worshipped ourselves and the things we have made. We have rejected Your will for our lives; we have preferred our way to that of Christ. Forgive us, O Lord, for straying away from that which You intended us to be, and for failing to follow the example of Christ.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" **LSB #611 vs. 1-3**

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

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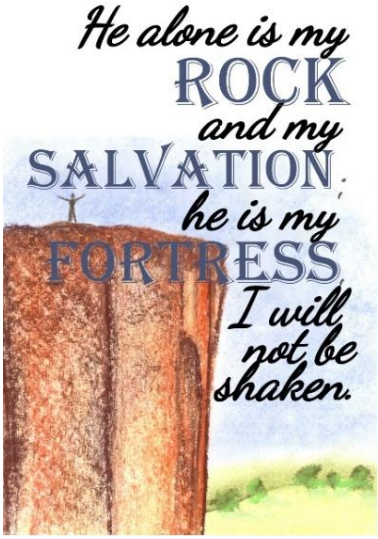
P "Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit." *(based on Ps 32:1,2)* Upon, This your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the Grace of God unto you, and by the command and in the stead of the Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 18:18; John 20:23) "Be of Good Cheer; your sins are forgiven you." *(Matt. 9:2 KJV)* Now, go live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with true repentance. *(Eph 4:1)*

C **Amen! By God's Grace in Jesus Christ I am saved. By grace I am forgiven. By Grace I am set free.**

PSALM 144:1-2; 18:31-35
My Rock and My Fortress

C **[1]Blessed be the Lord, my rock,**
who trains my hands for war,
and my fingers for battle;
[2] he is my steadfast love and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield and he in whom I take refuge,
who subdues peoples under me.

[31] For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God?—
[32] the God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.
[33] He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.
[34] He trains my hands for war,
so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
[35] You have given me the shield of your salvation,
and your right hand supported me,
and your gentleness made me great.



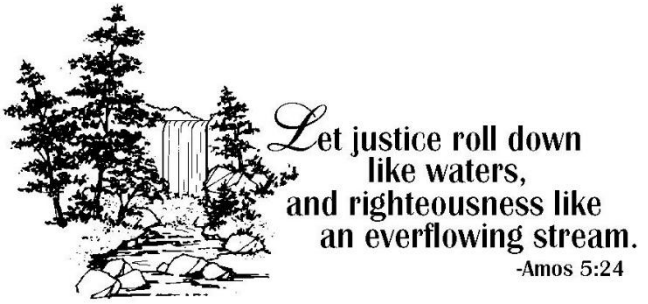
GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD

P Jesus replied to Satan "Man does not live on bread alone
C **But on <u>every</u> word that comes from the mouth of God."**
(Matthew 4:4)

Old Testament **Amos 5:18-24**

Let Justice Roll Down

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."



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)*

MUSICAL RESPONSE – Jeremy Fromm, Ed Stiver
(Congregation sings)
"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Chorus:
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2 I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.

Chorus:
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

3 I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on."

Chorus:
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

4 **He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;**
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Chorus:
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

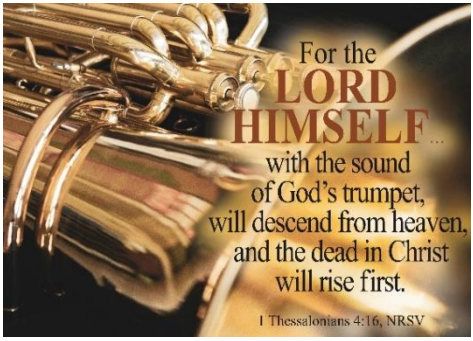
5 **In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,**
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Chorus:
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
The Coming of the Lord

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about
those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do
who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by
a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until

the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

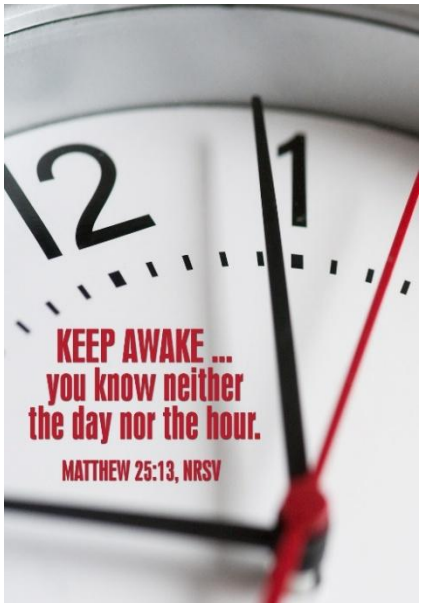


P "Your Word is a Lamp unto our feet.
C "And a light our to my path" *(Psalm 119:105)*

CHORAL ANTHEM
"God of Our Fathers"

The Gospel Lesson **Matthew 25:1-13**
The Parable of the Ten Virgins

1[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our



lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God
C **And keep it."** *(Luke 11:28)*

THE SERMON HYMNS

"God Bless Our Native Land" **LSB #965**

1 God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.
2 So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

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"My Country 'Tis of Thee

1 My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside,
Let freedom ring.

2 **Our fathers' God to Thee,**
Author of liberty, To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King!
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THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 of Thanksgiving to the Lord

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" **LSB #781 vs, 1-2**

1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

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The Family of God Prays Together

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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." (*Number 6:24)*

C **Amen!**

CLOSING HYMNS
"The Star-Spangled Banner"

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

"God Bless America"

God Bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.

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Sunday: Jeremiah 20:1-18; Matthew 24:29-51
Monday: Jeremiah 22:1-23; Matthew 25:1-13
Tuesday: Jeremiah 23:1-20; Matthew 25:14-30
Wednesday: Jeremiah 23:21-40; Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday: Jeremiah 25:1-18; Matthew 26:1-19
Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-19; Revelation 13:1-18; Matthew 26:20-35
Saturday: Jeremiah 29:1-19; Revelation 14:1-20 Matthew 26:36-56

CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH



Sunday, November 8
8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's
Sunday School during Sermon
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith
11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
12:15 p.m. Inspired Singles at Faith
Monday, November 9
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith
6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith
7:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting at Faith
Tuesday, November 10
6:00 p.m. Church Council at St. John's
7:15 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's
Wednesday, November 11
10:00 a.m. AbleLight
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith
Sunday, November 15
8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's
Sunday School during Sermon
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith
11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
12:15 p.m. Stewardship and Evangelism at Faith
4:30 p.m. ISI at Bruce Pfingsten's, Tomahawk
Monday, November 16
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith
Tuesday, November 17
10:00 a.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith
1:00 p.m. Women of Faith
Wednesday, November 18
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith
6:00 p.m. Meal at St. John's
6:30 p.m. Hunters' Service at St. John's
Thursday, November 19
10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's
6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Guild at St. John's

FAITH and ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in your prayers:



Gary Baumann Lisa Burish
Joe Calmes David Czech
Doris Dahlke Rodney Dahlke
Dorothy Duncan Alice Fromm
Christopher Emmerich
Wallace Emmerich Jim Goetsch
Duane Grunenwald Gerhard Hannemann
Angie Harkner Rev. Hans Heisinger Dale Janisch
Cecelia & Lucille Klade Rob Koebe Jim Koebe
Hugo Koppa Brian Luedtke Bob Meyer Gene Mootz
Debbie Olson Sarah Piel Mark Pester Bob Porath
Karen Rajek Rev. William Ruhbusch
Elvira Saeger Jo Schedler MiKenzie Schultz
Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech
Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson
Laurie Young Susie and Ellie Zastrow



Needed for live nativity which will be on December 17 from 3 to 6 pm St. John's is looking for 2x or 3x large bathrobes. We need large robes to go over heavy winter clothes. Contact Kathy Sturm at 715-218-5293 if you have any questions or can help. *Soup, hot chocolate and cookies will be served inside during the live nativity.*



INSPIRED SINGLES

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Sunday, November 8 at 12:15 p.m. at Faith. Please come and join and bring a 'single' friend. For more information, call Joy Marquardt at 715-536-5195



'Tis the Season

ANNUAL FRUIT SALE



Order blanks will be in the back of the church. Deadline for orders is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 25. For more information, call Terry Seidler at 715-203-5736.

PINE CREST RESIDENTS



Pine Crest is asking for donation of Christmas presents and/or money which allows Pine Crest to give a gift to each resident. A list of suggested items will be in the back of the church, Items should be dropped off at Faith by Sunday, December 6.

ANGEL TREE



Christmas gifts for children. Tags will be available on the tree set up in the narthex at Faith. Gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 20. For more information contact Bonnie Grueneberg at 1-715-613-0003 or e-mail at bkg9005@gmail.com

TREE OF GIVING



St. John's will have a Tree of Giving that includes items for families of Maple Grove School to help them during the winter months. Take one or more tags from the tree. Purchased bags should be to St. John's by November 15 and will be delivered to Maple Grove on November 16. Any questions, call Lori Baumann at 715-573-8923.



Fall has Arrived! Time to prepare for Hunting Season and the Thanksgiving Holiday! 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!*



PLEASE HELP update all of the church's data and be sure to fill out the membership information form to keep everything current. Phone numbers and addresses have changed along the way and it is important that we are able to reach you by phone and/or via mail. One form for each person in your household please. Forms can be given to an usher or dropped in the church office of in the basket on the scrip table. Thank you.

ST. JOHN'S HUNTERS' SERVICE

Wednesday, November 18

Meal 6:00 p.m.

Worship 6:30 p.m.





THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP AT FAITH

Wednesday, November 25

6:30 p.m.



ISI Group Meeting

Sunday, November 15
4:30 p.m.
At Bruce Pfingsten's home,
Tomahawk



A grand round of applause to all who helped with last weekend's Pancake Dinner. It was a great success thanks to all who donated, set up, prepped, cooked, served and cleaned up. What a great event for fellowship and an opportunity to work, pray and praise with other Christians.



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
15425 County Road K South
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/

The Celebration of Freedom



We are in awe of our freedoms.
We can do and say what we want.
A privilege that is not universal.
Our freedoms are rare and beautiful.
Our freedoms come at a cost,
At the expense of lives and servitude,
Our freedom was purchased,
With the sacrifice of many.

A Prayer for Freedom

As Christians in America,
We put God number one.
He so loved the world
That He sent His only Son. Christians love America,
And for our nation, we pray
That God will give us mercy.
Some pray this every day. Many veterans live among us.
Part of their lives they gave,
Serving these United States.
Freedom, they wanted to save.

History of Veterans Day

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11am.

In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans". Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.