



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Memorial Day

Sunday, May 25, 2025

8:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Acts 16:9 – “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’” God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

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.

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PRINTED ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN “*In Thee Is Gladness*”

LSB #818

INVOCATION

L Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, 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.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

We begin our worship as we began our Christian life, through Holy Baptism, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L “God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (*John 4:24*) And, “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and

renounces them finds mercy. (*Proverbs 28:13*)
Therefore, let us confess and renounce our sins with a sincere heart and mind before the Lord, receiving His Almighty, Divine, and Eternal forgiveness.

*(A moment of silence
for personal confession and reflection.)*

L

We confess:

C

God forgive me, a sinner. 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.

L

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*John 1:12; Philippians 1:6*)

MUSICAL RESPONSE

***"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"* LSB #805**

PSALM 67

C

**¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**



**³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

**⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for
joy,
for you judge the peoples with
equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

**⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

**⁶The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
⁷God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD

- L** “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.
- C** **“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”** (*Romans 15:4-6*)

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city

some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.



L "The grass withers and the flowers fall,
C "but the Word of God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

CHORAL ANTHEM (*Faith - Maine*) "Song for the Unsung Hero"

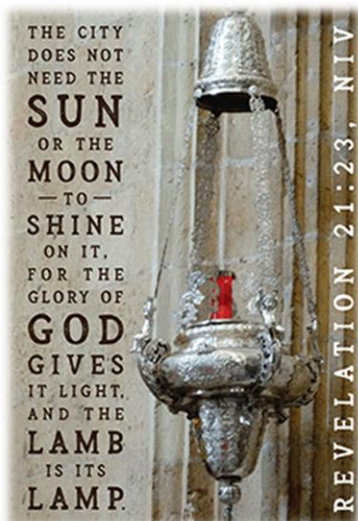
EPISTLE

Revelation 21:9–14, 21-27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.



- L** “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you received 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 Thess. 2:13-14)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23-33

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came

from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative

speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”



L “As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, ‘Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.’

C “He replied, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God, and obey it.’” (Luke 11:27-28)

SERMON HYMN

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB #722

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 FIRSTFRUITS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”

LSB #806

THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER

[L] Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of heaven and earth, in the glorious resurrection of Your Son, You have given the promise of our own resurrection. As we await the Last Day, calm our hearts and strengthen our faith through our sorrows. Lord, in Your mercy,

[C] Hear our prayer,

[L] O Lord, You have promised us the gift of the Holy Spirit who makes known to us all truth and keeps us in Your Word. Grant to us, O Lord, faithful pastors who will teach us Your Word and devoted church workers who will serve us in Your name, Bless those preparing for church work vocations, and inspire many to follow Your call. Lord, in Your mercy,

[C] Hear our prayer.

[L] Heavenly Father, You bless the anguish of childbirth with new life according to Your good and gracious will. Sustain all mothers with child and those with young children. Bless Your Church, the mother of all Your faithful children, Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

L Almighty God, as we remember Memorial Day and all those who gave their life that we might have the freedoms we share today, continue to remind us all of our responsibilities as citizens and leaders of this great country. Bless our president, our governor, congress and legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Guide them to serve according to Your will and for the common good of all. Raise up those with heroic virtue who will defend our liberty. Protect those who defend us in the armed forces, even as You give peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy

C **Hear our prayer.**

L O Alpha and Omega, You pledge to bring all things to their perfect consummation. You will bring heaven to earth and banish sorrow, sin and death. Sustain all those now in tribulation. By the comfort of Your Holy Word, increase their faith and see them through their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L 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

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB #803

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48; Number 4:1 – 8:4;
Luke 14:25 – 15:10

Monday: Numbers 8:5-26; Luke 15:11-32

Tuesday: Numbers 9:1-23; Luke 16:1-18

Wednesday: Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 16:19-31

ASCENSION

Thursday: Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35; Luke 17:1-19

Friday: Numbers 11:24-9; 12:1-16; Luke 17:20-37

Saturday: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33; Luke 18:1-17

CHURCH CALENDAR ST.

JOHN’S and FAITH

Sunday, May 25 *Memorial Day*

8:30 a.m. **Worship at St. John’s**

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

Monday, May 26

NO MONDAY WORSHIP at Faith

Wednesday, May 28

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

Sunday, June 1

8:30 a.m. **Worship with Holy Communion at St. John’s**

10:15 a.m. **Worship with Holy Communion at Faith**

11:15 Bible Class at Faith

Monday June 2

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

Tuesday, June 3

6:30 p.m. **Evening Women of Faith**

Thursday, June 5

6:30 p.m. **Mary Martha Guild at St. John’s**

Monday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 11

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



Check Your
Calendar



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following
in your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Joe Calmes
Rodney Dahlke Alice Fromm
Christopher Emmerich
Wallace Emmerich
Gerhard Hannemann

Angie Harkner Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade
David Knospe Rob Koebe Barry Krenz Bob Meyer
Debbie Olson Mark Pester Edgar Pfaff Bob Porath
Marge Radenz Karen Rajek Jo Schedler Linda Seidler
Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech
Deb Wiederhoeft Susie and Ellie Zastrow

With Heartfelt Sympathy



Prayers for the family of

Mabel Marquardt

March 24, 1924 – May 9, 2025

Mabel has joined her Lord in her
heavenly home. Service of praise and
thanksgiving is planned for
Tuesday, May 27 at 11 a.m. at Faith.

Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.
at the church.

Burial at Maple Grove Cemetery,
Village of Maine

*"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will
give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10)*

2025 Church Softball League

Today, Sunday, June 1

Games at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
at Faith

Sunday, June 8

Game at 3:30 p.m. at St. John's



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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