



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, July 27 and Monday, July 28, 2025**

**Luke 11:11 – “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?”** A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the church and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas — home, church and society — the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.



**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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**OPENING HYMN**

***“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”***

**LSB #779**

**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** 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.*

- 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.

## PSALM 138

- P** <sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- C** <sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast  
love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.
- P** <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.

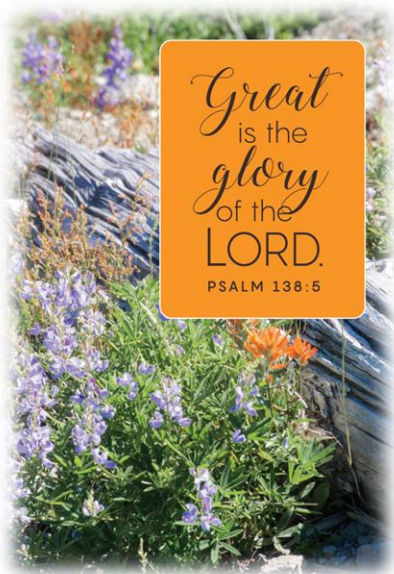
**C** <sup>4</sup>All the kings of the  
earth shall give you  
thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard  
the words of your  
mouth,

**P** <sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of  
the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of  
the LORD.

**C** <sup>6</sup>For though the LORD  
is high, he regards the  
lowly,  
but the haughty he  
knows from afar.

**P** <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my  
enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.

**C** <sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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 also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Catechism Review

**P** *The Eighth Commandment*

**C** **You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

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

**C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 18:17–33*

<sup>17</sup>The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup>seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it

from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

<sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of

five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

<sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

<sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

<sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

<sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered,

"For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

GENESIS 18:19

"FOR I  
HAVE CHOSEN HIM, SO  
THAT HE WILL DIRECT  
HIS CHILDREN AND  
HIS HOUSEHOLD ..."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Colossians 2:6–19*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

## *Rooted in Christ,* GROWING IN GRACE

So then, just as you received  
Christ Jesus as Lord, continue  
to live your lives in him,  
rooted and built up in him...

*Colossians 2:6-7, NIV*



<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with

him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your  
name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily  
bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive  
everyone who is indebted  
to us.

And lead us not into  
temptation.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a





scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

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

## SERMON HYMN

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

LSB #770

## Sermon

### 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.

## Offering

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"*

LSB #806

## Prayers of the Church

## 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

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## CLOSING HYMN

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday:** 1 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 22:30 – 23:11

**Monday:** 1 Samuel 13:1-18; Acts 23:12-35

**Tuesday** 1 Samuel 14:47 – 15:9; Acts 24:1-23

**Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 15:10-35; Acts 24:24 – 25:12

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 16:1-23; Acts 25:13-27

**Friday:** 1 Samuel 17:1-19; Acts 26:1-23

**Saturday:** 1 Samuel 17:20-47; Acts 26:24 – 27:8



*Thank You, everyone, for making the “Pickin’ and Grinnin’” a very nice experience. While the turnout was not the greatest, it was a good fun time. Thanks for all the jokes!*

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

**Sunday July 27**

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

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

**11:30 a.m. Semi-Annual Meeting at Faith**

**Monday, July 28**

**6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith**

**Sunday, August 3**

**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**

**Monday, August 4**

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

**Tuesday, August 5**

**4:30 p.m. Women of Faith Summer Outing**

**6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting at St. John's**

**7:15 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's**

**Sunday, August 10**

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

**Tuesday, August 12**

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

**Wednesday, August 13**

**10:00 a.m. Ablelight Volunteers**



**Check Your  
Calendar**



**UPCOMING DATES**

**Sunday, August 10**

**DUAL PARISH  
OUTDOOR WORSHIP**  
at St. John's 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, August 12**

**6:30 p.m. at St. John's**

**DUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Sunday, September 28**

**10:00 a.m. at Faith**

**POLKA SERVICE**

## **2025 Church Softball League**

Saturday, July 26

Tournament at Faith and St. John's

Sunday, July 27

Tournament at Immanuel



### **FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

*Please remember the following*

*in your prayers:*

Gary Baumann   Joe Calmes

David Czech   Rodney Dahlke

Alice Fromm

Christopher Emmerich

Wallace Emmerich

Gerhard Hanneman

Angie Harkner   Dale Janisch

Cecelia & Lucille Klade   Rob Koebe   Kim Love   Bob

Meyer   Debbie Olson

Mark Pester   Bob Porath   Marge Radenz   Karen Rajek

Jo Schedler   Audrey Steckling   Lorraine Steckling

Carl Uttech   Deb Wiederhoeft   Susie and Ellie Zastrow



### ***Camping, Summer Vacations, Summer Fun!***

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!*



### **WOMEN OF FAITH**

#### **Summer Outing**

**Tuesday, August 5 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Meet at Casa Amigos, Merrill**

*Spouses are invited*



**Save the date – Saturday, September 27, 2025**

***Mark your calendars!***

Join the North Wisconsin and South Wisconsin LLL District at their annual joint convention hosted at Peace Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin.

All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour®.

Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission.

*More convention details will be shared later this summer.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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*“Therefore we also will serve the*

**LORD,**

*for he is our*

**GOD.”**

**JOSHUA 24:18**