



DUAL PARISH OUTDOOR WORSHIP
St. John's Lutheran Church - Hamburg
Faith Lutheran Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 10 and Monday, August 11, 2025

Luke 12:24 – “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air, this we know. It's just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come — Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

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 and SPECIAL MUSIC

Jeremy Fromm and Ed Stiver

OPENING SONGS

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously
reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously,
made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has
stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and
defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

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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

“Blessed Assurance”

1 Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

2 Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Chorus

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Fanny Jane Crosby, Phoebe Palmer Knapp

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 33:12-22

- P** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- C** **The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;**
- P** from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
- C** **he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.**
- P** The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- C** **The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**
- P** Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his



steadfast love,

- C** **that he may deliver their
soul from death
and keep them alive in
famine.**

P Our soul waits for the
Lord;
he is our help and our
shield.

- C** **For our heart is glad in
him,
because we trust in his
holy name.**

P Let your steadfast love, O
Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

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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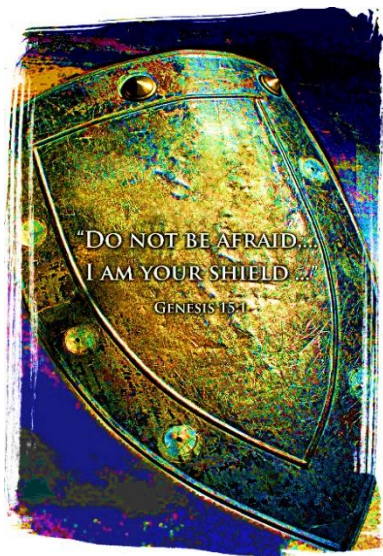
✠ GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD ✠

- 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

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have



given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

P "The grass withers and the flowers fall.

C **"but the Word of God stands forever."** (Isaiah 40:8)\

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

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

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EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he

was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for



whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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

“Seek Ye First”

- 1 See ye first the kingdom of God,
 And His righteousness.
 And all these things shall be added unto you!
 Allelu, alleluia!

- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
 Seek and ye shall find,
 Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
 Allelu, alleluia!

- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,
 But by ev’ry word
 That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.
 Allelu alleluia!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-40

[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and

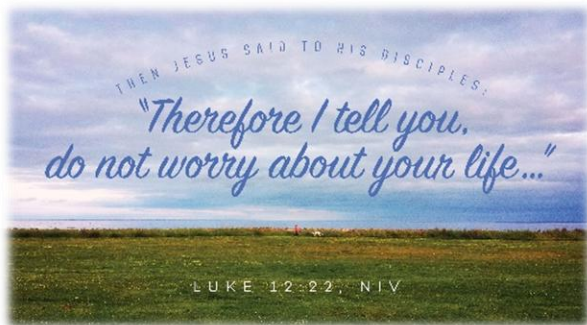
have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But

know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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)



SERMON HYMN *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
 Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
 My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
 A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
 Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
 A ransomed soul!

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✠ **SERMON** ✠

✠ **THE APOSTLES' CREED** ✠

(spoken in unison)

☞ 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 ✠

✠ 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”

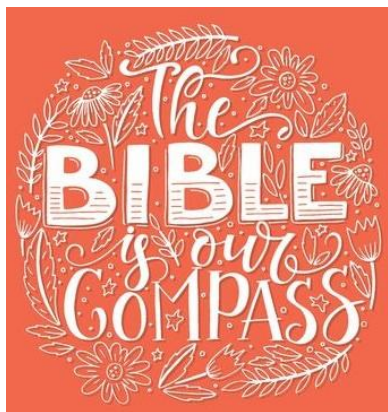
- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed
Chorus Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior 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 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!

- 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 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!

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: 1 Samuel 25:23-44;
1 Corinthians 4:1-21

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

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 28:3-25;
1 Samuel 29:1 – 30:33;
1 Corinthians 6:1-20

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 31:1-13;
1 Corinthians 7:25-40

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

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

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

THANK YOU to
all of those who
helped in anyway
with today's
Outdoor Service.



CHURCH CALENDAR
ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, August 10

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

Monday, August 11

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

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

Tuesday, August 12

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

Wednesday, August 13

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

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



Check Your
Calendar



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

**Please remember the following in
your prayers:**

Gary Baumann Joe Calmes
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UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, August 12
6:30 p.m. **DUAL PARISH
MEETING** at St. John's

Sunday, September 28
10:00 a.m. **POLKA SERVICE** at Faith



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.

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, Help support the
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