

Outdoor Worship Service



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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 9 and Monday, August 10, 2026

Matthew 14:30 – “But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’” The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our *vision*? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

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

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

“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.

Psalm 18:1-16

P ¹I love you,
O LORD, my strength.

C ²**The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

THE LORD IS MY ROCK,
MY FORTRESS, AND MY SAVIOR;
MY GOD IS MY ROCK,
IN WHOM I FIND PROTECTION.

Psalm 18:2



P ³I call upon the LORD, who
is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my
enemies.

C ⁴**The cords of
death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction
assailed me;
⁵the cords of Sheol
entangled me;
the snares of death
confronted me.**

P ⁶In my distress I
called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my
voice,
and my cry to him reached
his ears.

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

Job 38:4-18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

¹²“Have you
commanded
the morning
since your
days began,
and
caused the
dawn to
know its
place,

¹³that it might
take hold of
the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.”



P “The grass withers and the flowers fall.

C “but the Word of God stands forever.” (Isaiah 40:8)

EPISTLE

Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.



**Everyone
who calls
on the name
of the Lord
will be saved.**

Romans 10:13

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)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the

fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.

²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.

³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into



the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

- 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

“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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✠ 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

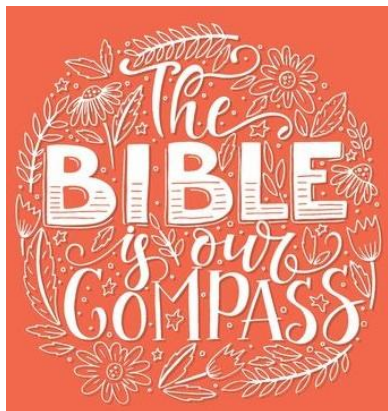
“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS



Sunday: 1 Samuel 25:1-22;

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Monday: 1 Samuel 25:23-44;

1 Corinthians 4:1-21

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 26:1-25;

1 Samuel 27:1 – 28:2;

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 28:3-25;

1 Samuel 29:1 – 30:31;

1 Corinthians 6:1-20

Thursday: 1 Samuel 31:1-13;

1 Corinthians 7:1-24

Friday: 2 Samuel 1:1-27; 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

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

UPCOMING DATES



Tuesday, August 11

6:30 p.m.

**DUAL PARISH
MEETING** at St. John's

Sunday, September 27

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

CHURCH CALENDAR
ST. JOHN'S and FAITH



Check Your
Calendar

Sunday, August 9

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

Potluck following worship

Monday, August 10

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Church Council at Faith

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

Sunday, August 16

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 Class at Faith

Monday, August 17

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

NO COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY at St. John's until
September.



**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

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Jim Goetsch Duane Grunenwald Gerhard Hannemann

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Laurie Young Susie and Ellie Zastrow

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



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

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Merrill, WI 54452

or

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Athens, WI 54411

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Sing praises
to the **LORD,**



O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks
to his holy name.

PSALM 30:4, NRSV