

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Pentecost 5

July 10, 2022



Worship Assistants

Pastor: Norm Sulaica

Accompanist: Linda Pieper

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Church Tellers: Donna Skrla, Gary Schulze

Lay Readers: Charles Gaskamp

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Ministers: St John Members

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

ELW Pg. 152

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

R. Peace be with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW Pg. 94-96

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✙ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

ELW #836

INTROIT with Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

ELW Pg. 147

KYRIE

ELW Pg. 147-148

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW Pg. 148-150

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:9-18

9 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. 10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. 11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. 13 You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. 15 You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. 17 You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 41

1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! the Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The Lord preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The Lord sustains them on their sickbed and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "Lord, be merciful to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: "When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10But you, O Lord, be merciful to me and raise me up, and I shall repay them.

11By this I know you are | pleased with me, that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12In my integrity you hold me fast, and shall set me before your face forever.

13Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from age to age. Amen.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing — as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, 7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW Pg. 151

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

25Behold, a lawyer stood up to put {Jesus} to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” 27And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” 28And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” 29But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

32So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Norm Sulaica

HYMN OF THE DAY

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

ELW #721

Sung 3 times (1st time solo with Linda Schulze & Linda Pieper, 2nd & 3rd time by congregation)

CREED

ELW Pg. 104

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition of the prayers ends with the following response:
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING HYMN *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (twice)* **ELW #184**

OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **ELW #884**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
And so with all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your
name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS **ELW Pg. 153**
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

ELW Pg. 154

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

***Come to the Table (2 Times)
Be Thou My Vision
O God of Mercy, God of Light***

***ELW #481
ELW #793
ELW #714***

DECLARATION OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen

SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

DISMISSAL

Help and befriend your neighbors in every need!
Thanks be to God.

Special Called Congregational Meeting

There will be special called meeting after the 9:00AM church service on Sunday, July 17th to vote on replacement of the air-conditioning unit in the Activity Center Quilting room.

2022 ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

President..... Kenneth Seeker
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Sunday School classes are on break until after summer vacations.
Beginning June 12th thru August 21st, there will be one
worship service only, at 9:00 AM.

***The Memorial Committee meeting originally scheduled for
July 11th has been postponed until a later date.***



**The Evangelism Committee
will be hosting coffee and donuts
each Sunday morning this summer at 8:30AM, before the
9:00AM service. Please be sure to join in for some
before church fellowship.**

Contact Information for Pastor Norm

Pastor Norm can be reached in either of the following ways:

Cell Phone Number (361) 362-9108 OR

Email: pastornorm2003@yahoo.com

Monday, July 11th

6:00PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 12th

6:30AM Food Pantry



St. John is in need of ushers for the following:

October: 10:05AM Service



St John Prairie Hill Food Pantry

Upcoming Dates:

July 12th - 6:30AM-8:00AM

**Flowers are needed in July for the following Sunday: July 24th.
To sign up, please use the flower chart located in the Annex.**

Remember in Prayers Our Church Family:

Mavis Smith	Janice Cordova	Sydney Wagner	Florence Bentke
Ella Ruemke	Gilbert Spinn	Helen Gaskamp	Cynthia Wilson
Verna Mae Sefcik	Linda King	Jerry Randermann	Mary Ann Luce
Connie Seward	Justin Reuter	Dorothy Wiesepape	Mark Marburger
Tom Bentke	Earline Moody	Allene Holtkamp	Dolores Seeker
Charles "Dutch" Schulze	Peggy & Milton Bosse		John & Carol Haarmeyer
Donald Lange	Emery & Helen Schulze		Ruth Finke



Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Londyn Evans, Elsie Herrmann, Christin Seeker, Christian Kuecker, Alex Grote, Colton Maass, and Becky Schulze.

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Marcus & Brenda Randermann

Family and Friends

Amanda Gurka	John Teufel	Shannon Wellmann
Barbara Richter	Kennedy Altman	Sue Maass
Brian Smith	Marilyn Lange	Victor Deonate
Carol Lieber	Mark Hundemer	
Christy Dallmeyer	Marvin Marburger	
Corrie Newland	Missy Goldmith	
David Lange	Nicole Clark	
Jaden Mertz	Rolando Lerma	

Please notify the church office of any prayer request by simply writing a note on the back of your attendance card. Thank you!

Member offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you have not picked up your 2022 box. The Flower Chart is posted in the Annex. Please sign up to place your altar flowers!



**Altar
Flowers
SIGN-UP**



REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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What is written in the Law?

Luke 10:26



“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” - Luke 10:27 -

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“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” - Luke 10:27 - “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Parents ask this of their children every year as they begin a new school year. Do the answers change at all? Or did they stay the same? Popular answers include police officer, firefighter, doctor, nurse, teacher, mom. But our vocations that God calls us to may not always be glamorous. Martin Luther says that our vocations have a purpose: to love and serve our neighbors.

Love God with every fiber in our being. That’s a tall order. When I was a little girl, I wanted to make my parents proud of me. We want to feel needed, loved, accepted. We want to do that which is pleasing to those who are closest to us. But as I’ve grown in years, I began to realize how incapable of keeping this commandment I am. And not just me. All human beings. If we’re honest with ourselves, we confess that we cannot love God the way he has commanded us to. And that’s because of sin. It’s a problem. How do we fulfill this commandment to love God above all else if we’re incapable of doing so? The problem lies with the question itself. We want so much to look inward to ourselves for the solution. We should be looking upward. “God is love. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 Jn 4:8b, 10). When we serve our neighbor, we show our love for God. We love because God first loved us (see 1 Jn. 4:19). He came down to earth in human form, for us —to serve us! And so, we are called to serve one another in love through our vocations.

The lawyer asks, “Who is my neighbor?” (Lk. 10:29). Who do we encounter today? Anyone other than ourselves is our neighbor. We’re called to serve him/her through our vocations. Martin Luther said that it’s not God who needs our good works. Our good works are for our neighbor. We serve our neighbor in many ways: putting together bulletins for worship, teaching Sunday School, washing dishes, providing a meal, making sure our garbage can is in the right spot on the curb. It’s in the mundane tasks, the “little things,” that we serve our neighbor in love every day. That’s how we love God above all else: striving to love and serve our neighbor daily.