

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Pentecost 6

July 17, 2022



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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

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

INTROIT with Psalm 119:105

Your word is the lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

ELW Pg. 147

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW Pg. 148-150

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, we pray 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

Genesis 18:1-10b

1 The Lord appeared to {Abraham} by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth 3 and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, 5 while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." 6 And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." 7 And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." 10aThe Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." 10bAnd Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 7-14

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold^[a] of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ **You have said, "Seek^[d] my face."**

**My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."^[e]**

⁹ Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my salvation!
¹⁰ **For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
 but the LORD will take me in.**
¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
 and lead me on a level path
 because of my enemies.
¹² **Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
 for false witnesses have risen against me,
 and they breathe out violence.**
¹³ I believe that I shall look^[f] upon the goodness of the LORD
 in the land of the living!
¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD;
 be strong, and let your heart take courage;
 wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:21-29

21You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. 24Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, 25of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW Pg. 151

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

38Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." 41But the Lord

answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Norm Sulaica

HYMN OF THE DAY *Thy Word* **SCREEN**

CREED **ELW Pg. 104**

Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.*
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. 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
Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

ELW Pg. 152

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

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

ELW #471

Give Me Jesus

ELW #770

When Peace Like a River (It is Well with My Soul)

ELW #784

DECLARATION OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

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

Amen

SENDING HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (v. 1, 2, & 4)

ELW #597

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Live the Word of God!

Thanks be to God.

Special Called Congregational Meeting

There will be special called meeting after the 9:00AM church service this morning to vote on replacement of the air-conditioning unit in the Activity Center Quilting room. You are invited to stay for the meeting.



Flowers are given to the glory of God, by Kevin and Anna Finke in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary and Owen's Baptismal Anniversary.

Contact Information for Pastor Norm

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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 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
some before church fellowship.

Monday, July 18th
Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, July 19th
9:00AM Quilting



St. John is in need of ushers for the following:
October: 10:05AM Service



St John Prairie Hill Food Pantry
Upcoming Dates:
July 26th - 6:30AM-8:00AM

Flowers are needed for August 14, 21 and 28.
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
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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 of Our Members:

Amanda Gurka	Jaden Mertz	Rolando Lerma
Ann Fojt	John Teufel	Shannon Wellmann
Barbara Richter	Kennedy Altman	Sue Maass
Brian Smith	Marilyn Lange	Victor Deonate
Carol Lieber	Mark Hundemer	
Christy Dallmeyer	Marvin Marburger	Please notify the church office of
Corrie Newland	Missy Goldmith	any prayer request by simply
David Lange	Nicole Clark	writing a note on the back of your

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!



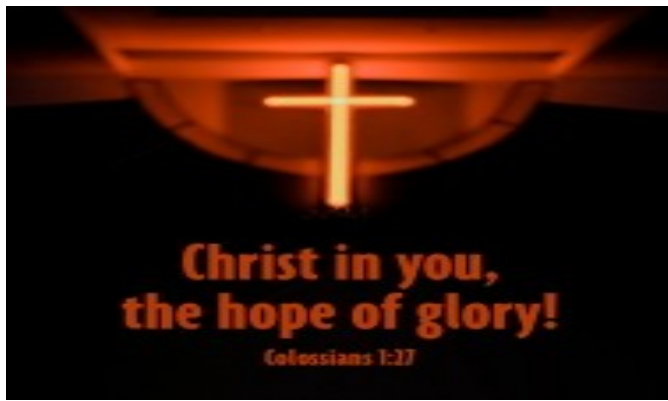
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**Is anything
too wonderful
for the Lord?**

Genesis 18:14



6th Sunday after Pentecost - July 17, 2022

“But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary.” -Luke 10:41-42b

Martha isn't your typical sinner we find throughout the Gospels. She's not a tax collector that steals money from others. She doesn't lie, as far as we are aware. She's not a murderer or adulterer. She's a worrier. Who doesn't worry about something? Why is that so bad? Well, when we worry, it demonstrates a lack of trust in God. Jesus commands us not to worry: “I tell you, do not be anxious about your life” (Matt. 6:25). So if God tells us not to do something, and we do it anyway, we're disobedient to God. This form of sin is easily brushed under a rug. We try to downplay the significance of it. But as is often the case with sin, one sin leads to another. Martha isn't just worried. She's worried and anxious about many things, like getting housework done and being a good hostess. In addition, she despises God's Word in this account. That might seem harsh, but it is true. Martha is upset with Mary because Mary is listening to Jesus. Our brokenness would expect Jesus to pat Mary on the back, encouraging her, thanking her for her service. But he admonishes her instead! And he says that Mary is the one doing what's most important. Martin Luther's Small Catechism addresses the Third Commandment: “Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.” Luther goes on to explain, “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise his Word and the preaching of it, but acknowledge it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.” Mary takes a break from work, and we all need to. Otherwise, overworking can lead to burnout. But Sabbath is more than just taking a break.” Sabbath is resting in God's Word. So Mary sits at her Lord's feet and listens. But Martha works and worries. Not only that, she complains to Jesus about her sister (see Lk. 10:40b). Martha is upset that Mary is listening to God's Word. Jesus responds, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary” (Lk. 10:41-42). One thing is necessary. We are all guilty of being like Martha. We work too hard, worry too much, and yes, at times, we despise God's Word. May we acknowledge God's Word has holy, and gladly hear it and learn it. When we do, we find that God gives us strength to endure another week of work and worry.