

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Pentecost 7

July 24, 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1, 2, 6)

ELW #886

INTROIT with Psalm 50:15

and call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING**Genesis 18:20-33**

²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I 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." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose 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? ²⁵Far 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?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose 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." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then 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." ³¹He 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." ³²Then 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." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM**Psalms 138**

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

2 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.

3 On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

**4 All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

5 and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

**6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

7 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.

**8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See 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. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having 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. ¹³And 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, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW Pg. 151

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say: Fa-

ther, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵And 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, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and 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’? ⁸I 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. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If 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!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Norm Sulaica

HYMN OF THE DAY

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

ELW #742

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;**

**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.**

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

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

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

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, Let Us Eat
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
O Living Bread from Heaven*

*ELW #491
ELW #588
ELW #542*

DECLARATION OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children with My Blessing

ELW #543

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Live the Word of God!
Thanks be to God.

Included with your bulletin is a short survey regarding both Church service and Sunday School start times, along with further ways the church can enhance your worship experience. Once completed, it may be placed in the offering plate. You only need to complete the survey once.



*Flowers are given to the glory of God, by
The Russelll Seeker family.*

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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.

Tuesday, July 26th
6:30AM Food Pantry
9:00AM Quilting



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



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

Flowers are needed for August 28th.
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
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Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Barnay Glaesmann, Zachary Wagner, Mary Ann Luce, Johnny Randermann, Karson Herrmann, and Marvin Wellmann

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Barnay & Connie Glaesmann

Family and Friends of Our Members:

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



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Pentecost 7, Give us each day our daily bread.” - Luke 11:3 -

Both my husband and I have Scandinavian heritage, so we enjoy decorating our home with various pieces of folk art from those countries, most especially Denmark and Norway. Much of the artwork includes phrases from the table prayers and the Lord’s Prayer. Many Scandinavian homes include the phrase “Giv os i dag vort daglige brød.” Translated into English:

Give us this day our daily bread. Many homes have this hanging up in kitchens. It makes sense. Bread is food. The kitchen is where the food is prepared. So it’s a good fit. This week piggybacks nicely on last week’s devotion about the sisters Mary and Martha of Bethany. Last week we heard the need to stop, take a break, and rest in God’s Word. We find when we do so, our worries become less because we trust God more. And this fourth petition of the Lord’s Prayer address that very notion. Give us this day our daily bread. It’s not just about bread. It’s about everything we need to survive in this life. Martin Luther addresses this petition in two ways: first, he gives a simple explanation of its meaning; then, he goes into further detail explaining what is meant by daily bread.

Luther writes: “God indeed gives daily bread to all, even unbelievers, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that he would help us to recognize this so that we would receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything required to meet our earthly needs, such as food, drink, clothing, home, property, employment, necessities; devout parents, children, and communities; honest and faithful authorities, good government, seasonable weather, peace, health, an orderly society, a good reputation, true friends and neighbors, and the like.”

This life is full of things to worry about. Worrying is endless. And it’s exhausting! But we ought not to worry. And we all know that’s easier said than done. Not only does God provide believers with “daily bread,” he gives “daily bread” to unbelievers, too – without our prayer! This petition shows God that we know we need him for everything in this earthly life. And when we can recognize that and acknowledge our need, then we can begin to have thankful hearts, hearts filled with gratitude.