

**St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill**  
**Pentecost 8**  
**July 31, 2022**



**Worship Assistants**

**Pastor:** Norm Sulaica

**Accompanist:** Linda Schulze

**Acolytes:** Izzy Sommerfield

**Church Tellers:** Donna Skrla, Gary Schulze

**Lay Readers:** Connie Rohde

**Altar Preparations:** Donna Bentke, Deanna Giese

**Council Members:** Steve Skrla, Jeannie Kroll

**Ushers:** Jon Westerfeld

**Communion Bread:** Deanna Giese

**Screen Crew:** Janice Fairlie, Kallie Finke

**Sanctuary Prep:** Dale and Martin Reisner

**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.

### GATHERING HYMN

***Shine, Jesus Shine***

***SCREEN***

**INTROIT with Psalm 49:1-2**

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

**both low and high, rich and poor together!**

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

***ELW Pg. 147***

### 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.**

**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.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****CANTICLE OF PRAISE***Alleluia He is Coming***SCREEN***Please be seated.***FIRST READING****Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexa-

tion. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**

**Psalms 100**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with singing!**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

**and his courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

**SECOND READING**

**Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Lord, I Lift Your Name on High***

***ELW #857***

## GOSPEL

**Luke 12:13-21**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to {Jesus}, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”  
<sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Norm Sulaica

## HYMN OF THE DAY

***Nothing But the Blood of Jesus***

**SCREEN**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition of the prayers ends with the following response:*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## OFFERING HYMN

***Give Thanks (Twice)***

**SCREEN**

## OFFERTORY

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

**ELW #884**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 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**

*Here is Bread  
Seek Ye with Alleluia  
One Bread, One Body  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*ELW #483  
SCREEN  
ELW #496  
ELW #803*

### **DECLARATION OF GRACE**

#### **BLESSING**

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

**SENDING HYMN**

*Blessed Assurance*

*ELW #638*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in Peace and seek the things of Christ!  
**Thanks be to God.**

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR

*Pastor Norman Sulaica Jr.*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 9:00AM

THE RECENTLY-ELECTED DEAN OF THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS MISSION DISTRICT

THE REVEREND JARED STILLIONS WILL PRESIDE AT

THE RITE OF INSTALLATION WITH HOLY COMMUNION

*Pie and coffee will be served at a reception in the  
Church Parish Hall immediately following the service.*

*Please bring your favorite pie to share.*



**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  
Colton & Lauren Maass in honor of  
Chance's 1st Birthday.*

Contact Information for Pastor Norm

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

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**2022 ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President..... Kenneth Seeker  
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**Rally Day August 21, 2022**

*As part of Sunday School's Rally Day celebration, ice cream sundaes  
will be served after the 9:00AM installation service of Pastor Norm.*

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Memorial committee will be meeting on Monday, August 22nd at 10:00AM. Please forward any suggestions you may have to Donna Bentke at (979) 836-0263.





Sunday School classes are on break until after summer vacations. Beginning June 12<sup>th</sup> thru August 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be one worship service only, at 9:00 AM. If there is a change in the church service time(s) and Sunday school start time, members will be updated in the weekly church bulletins leading up to the August 28th 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  
some before church fellowship.**

**Monday, August 1st  
6:00PM Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, August 2nd  
6:30PM Rachel Circle**



**Look for an upcoming August date for  
confirmation parent's meeting.**

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



**St John Prairie Hill Food Pantry  
Upcoming Dates:  
August 9th & 23rd - 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
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	Cookie Engeling
Carol Crosby			



**Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries:** Kailea Kuecker, Cullen Grote, Harper Huckert, Jeff Lange, Cayd Wilkerson, Kathy Nordt, Jenna Thumann and Charles Kuecker

**Those celebrating wedding anniversaries:** Joseph & Sandy Ordner and Chad & Amanda Dismukes

**Family and Friends of Our Members:**

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

**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!**



**REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE**

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**Your life  
is hidden  
with Christ  
in God.**

**Colossians 3:3**





Pentecost 8, July 31, 2022

“For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.” -  
Psalm 100:4-

Psalm 100. It’s one of the shorter psalms in the Bible, but that hasn’t affected its impact on Christians. The psalmist calls us to worship God, making a joyful noise and praising with song. “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth” (v. 1).

As one who loves nature and the outdoors, I find myself admiring the work of our Creator. Have you ever noticed how God’s creation seems to praise God, making its own joyful noise? When I visited Niagara Falls years ago, I can still remember the loud sound of rushing water, falling over the rocks. Hiking along the Superior National Hiking Trail in Northeast Minnesota, I would pass by small streams and babbling brooks. The sound of the wind in the trees, causing leaves and branches to sway and hum. Birds singing – especially the first few birds that emerge after winter – their sweet songs, each unique. It really does seem as though all of creation has a way of making a joyful noise.

We certainly don’t need a reason to make a joyful noise, praising and worshiping God. The verse above summarizes it nicely for us. God is good. His mercy is everlasting. His faithful endures (v. 4). God has every good reason to give up on humanity. For millennia God’s people have sinned and fallen short of his glory. But what about God? Did God ever give up on humanity? Definitely not. As a mom of three kids ages ten and under, I am truly astounded by God’s level of patience. Not only has not given up on sinful human beings, but he has also done everything he can to make the relationship perfect. His mercy is unending. His faithfulness endures for all eternity. His love is unfailing.

God saw that humanity was always going to be broken. And just when it would’ve made sense to give up, he didn’t. In fact, he chose to come down from above, to be born as one of us humans, to live an earthly life with all its heartache and suffering. Indeed, God’s love is a love like no other. And it is the beating heart of reasons to praise God with thanksgiving, making a joyful noise unto him. May we join all of God’s creation singing aloud our praises unto him!