

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Pentecost 9

August 7, 2022



Worship Assistants

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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

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW #764

INTROIT with Psalm 147:7

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; 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 15:1-6

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM:

Psalm 33:12-22

¹²**Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!**

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven,
and beholds all the people in the world.

¹⁴**From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze
on all who dwell on the earth.**

¹⁵He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works.

¹⁶**There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**

¹⁷The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save.

¹⁸**Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait upon his love,**

¹⁹To pluck their lives from death,
and to feed them in time of famine.

²⁰**Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.**

²¹Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,
for in his holy name we put our trust.

²²**Let your loving kindness, O LORD, be upon us,
as we have put our trust in you.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW Pg. 151

GOSPEL:

Luke 12:22-34

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²{Jesus} said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. [

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Norm Sulaica

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

SCREEN

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #186

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: ourselves, 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.

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

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

*O Bread of Life from Heaven
I Know That My Redeemer Lives!
Just A Closer Walk with Thee*

*SCREEN
ELW #619
ELW #697*

DECLARATION OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

ELW #856

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace and rest your faith in Christ alone.
Thanks be to God.



Flowers are given to the glory of God, by
Linda Schulze, in memory of her parents,
Erwin & Evelyn Schulze.

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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.



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 THRU AUGUST 21ST.
THERE WILL BE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY,
BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM.**

IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE CHURCH SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL START TIMES, 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.

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

*Flowers are needed for August 28th.
To sign up, please use the flower
chart located in the Annex.*



Monday, August 8th

6:00PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 9th

6:30AM Food Pantry

Thursday, August 11th

2:00PM Ladies Aid



CONFIRMATION MEETING

There will be a meeting of confirmation students and their parents on Wednesday, August 24th at 6:00PM. Please make plans to attend with your child.



Acolyte Training

Acolyte training will be held on August 28th during the Sunday school hour. If you have not previously served as an acolyte, please be sure to attend.

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
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Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Jacob Hohlt, Hilda Horstmann, Gunnar Eckert, Cassie Lynch, Rachel Feldman, Arabella Clay, Brittyn Randermann, Alan Schroeder, Richard Mehr and Shannon Mehr.

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Damon & Francis Wegner, David & Patti Clay, Calvin & Judy Janner and Mark & Diana Williams.

Family and Friends of St John members:

Amanda Gurka	Jaden Mertz
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Sue Maass

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!



REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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