

# St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

## Pentecost 13

September 4, 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***

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 un-  
known, 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

*Lift High the Cross (v. 1-4)*

***ELW #660***

### INTROIT with Psalm 119:27

Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
**and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

*ELW Pg. 147*

## KYRIE

*ELW Pg. 147-148*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*This is the Feast*

*ELW Pg. 148*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. Grant this, 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**SECOND READING:**

Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker  
<sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you  
and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember  
you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus  
and for all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full  
knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and  
comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through  
you. <sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for  
love's sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus —  
<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he  
was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you,  
sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve  
me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without  
your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup>For  
this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no  
longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but  
how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, re-  
ceive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that  
to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing  
me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in  
Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.  
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 14:25-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Great crowds accompanied {Jesus}, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and  
does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and  
even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after  
me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and  
count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation  
and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was  
not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first  
and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with  
twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks  
for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be

my disciple. <sup>34</sup>Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Norman Sulaica, Jr.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Take My Life That I May Be (v. 1-3, 6)*

**ELW #685**

**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**

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts 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.***

### **EUCCHARIST PRAYER**

Holy God,  
you alone are holy,

you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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 his love for us  
on the way,

at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.  
**Amen.**

#### **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**

*Gather Us In  
Day by Day  
O Jesus, I Have Promised*

**ELW #532  
ELW #790  
ELW #810**

**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**

Go in peace and walk the path of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Flowers are given to the glory of God, by  
Charles & Rita Gaskamp in honor of their  
40th Wedding Anniversary.***



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**Monday, September 5th**  
**6:00PM Executive Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 6th**  
**6:30PM Rachel Circle**  
**Wednesday, September 7th**  
**5:00PM Confirmation Class**  
**Thursday, September 8th**  
**2:00PM Ladies Aid**



*Sunday School Classes are at 8:30AM and Worship service begins at 9:15AM each Sunday.*

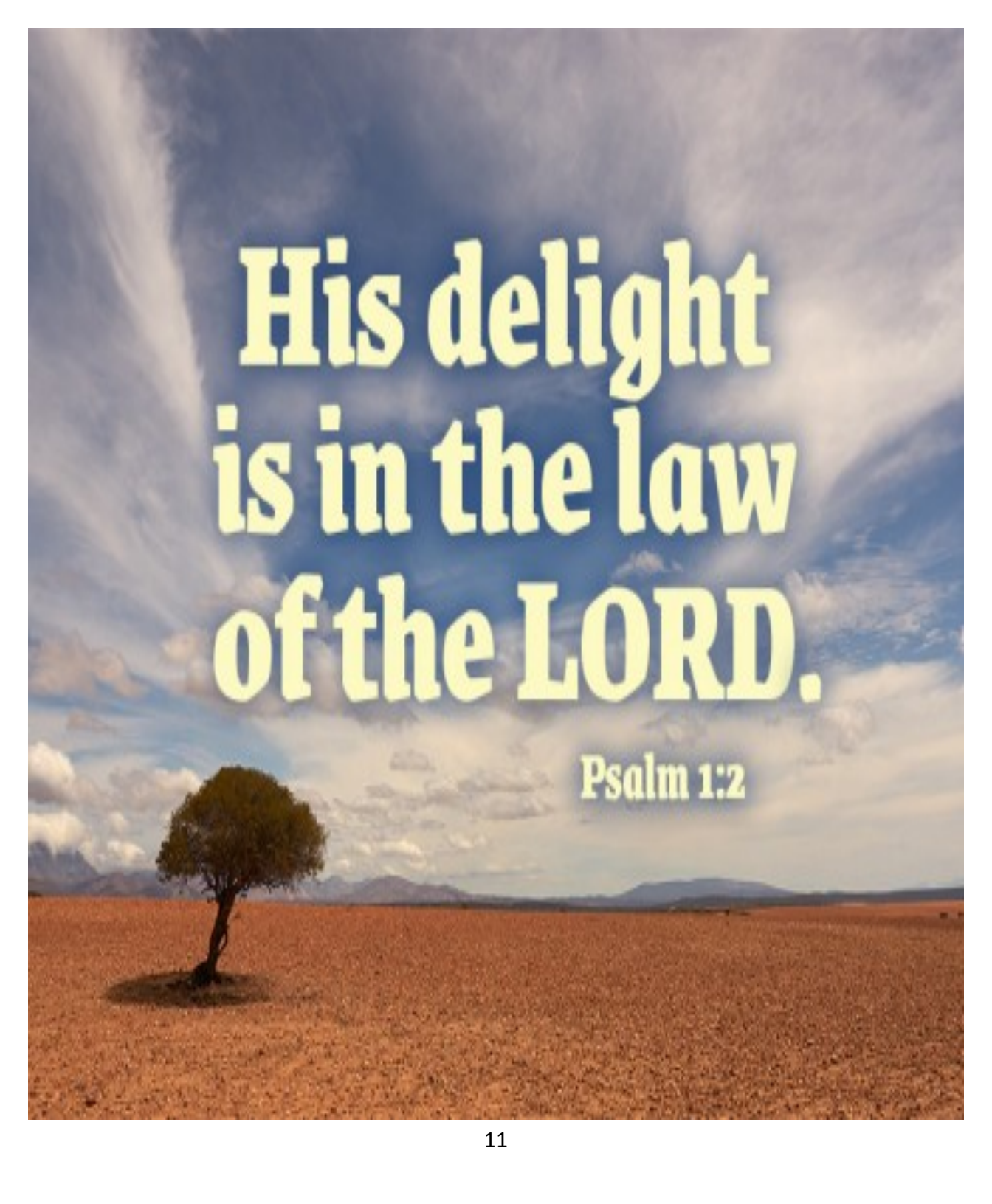
**The Evangelism Committee will be hosting coffee and donuts each Sunday morning this summer at 8:30AM, before the 9:00AM service. Please be sure to join in some before church fellowship.**



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

*Flowers are still needed for several Sundays Remaining in the year. To sign up, please use the flower chart in the Annex.*



A landscape photograph featuring a single, dark, rounded tree standing in a vast, dry, golden-brown field. The sky is a deep blue with wispy white clouds. The text "His delight is in the law of the LORD." is overlaid in a large, bold, yellow font with a slight shadow effect.

**His delight  
is in the law  
of the LORD.**

**Psalm 1:2**

**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:** Gail Mitschke, Phyllis Bickham, Robert Neuendorff, Alexis Warmke, Brandon Kluck, Ross Curtis, Gilbert Spinn, Brenda Randermann

**Those celebrating wedding anniversaries:** Charles & Rita Gaskamp

**Family and Friends of St John members:**

Amanda Gurka	Jaden Mertz
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Barbara Richter	Kennedy Altman
Brian Smith	Marilyn Lange
Carol Lieber	Mark Hundemer
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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!**



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