

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Pentecost 14

September 11, 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.

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

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.

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1-3)

ELW #807

INTROIT with Psalm 30:11a, 12b

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

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, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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: **Ezekiel 34:11-24**

¹¹“For thus says the LORD God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷As for you, my flock, thus says the LORD God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰Therefore, thus says the LORD God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: **Psalms 119:169-176**

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
give me understanding, according to your word.

¹⁷⁰**Let my supplication come before you;
deliver me, according to your promise.**

¹⁷¹My lips shall pour forth your praise,
when you teach me your statutes.

¹⁷²**My tongue shall sing of your promise,
for all your commandments are righteous.**

¹⁷³Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your commandments.

¹⁷⁴**I long for your salvation, O LORD,
and your law is my delight.**

¹⁷⁵Let me live, and I will praise you,
and let your judgments help me.

¹⁷⁶**I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

SECOND READING:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW Pg. 151

GOSPEL:

Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear {Jesus}. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Norman Sulaica, Jr.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (v. 1, 3, 4)

ELW #789

CREED

ELW Pg. 105

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

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: 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.

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

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 death, we cry out Amen. [Amen.]
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [Amen.]
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [Amen.]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.
Amen.

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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Beautiful Savior
Sanctuary (3 Times)*

*ELW #502
ELW #838
SCREEN*

DECLARATION OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (v. 1, 3, 4)*

ELW #834

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace and seek the lost and share God's love.
Thanks be to God.

***Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Judy Grote in memory of
Alex Grote.***



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Monday, September 12th

6:00PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 13th

6:30AM Food Pantry

Wednesday, September 14th

5:00PM Confirmation Class



Sunday School Classes are at 8:30AM and Worship service begins at 9:15AM each Sunday. There will no Sunday School on September 18th, only.

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.





**There is joy
before the
angels of God
over one sinner
who repents.**

Luke 15:10

Remember in Prayers Our Church Family:

Mavis Smith	Janice Cordova	Sydney Wagner	Florence Bentke
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Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Cathy Boeker, Jentri Blake, Evelyn Thielemann, Jon Westerfeld, Billy Wellmann, Don Keller, David Clay, Michelle Janner, Shelly Lehmann, Josh Church, Luke Wienken

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: George & Sharon Boswell, James & Florence Wolff

Family and Friends of St John members:

Amanda Gurka	Jaden Mertz
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David Lange	Shannon Wellmann

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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