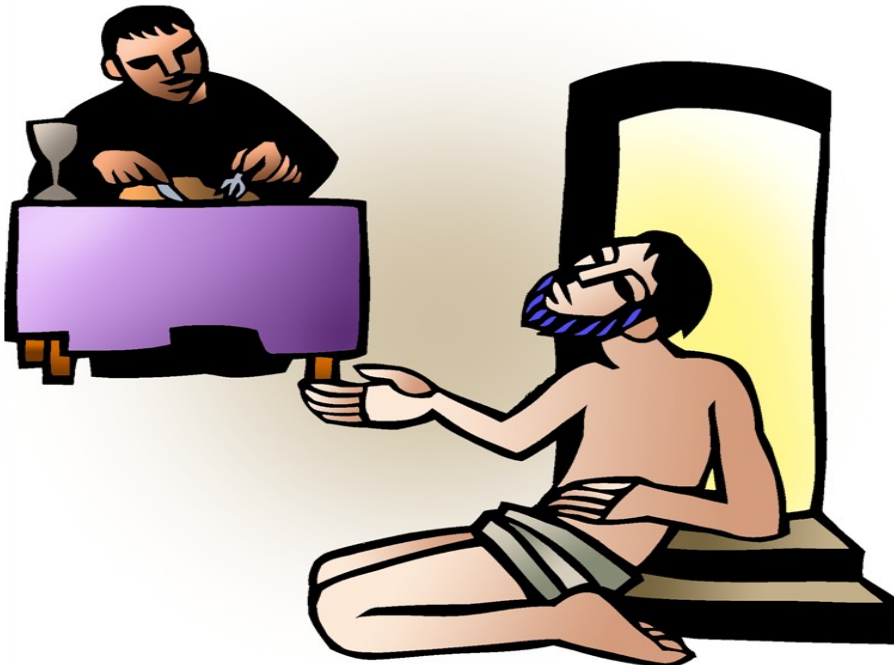


St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Pentecost 16

September 25, 2022



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

**Bob & Susi Bentke
Darlene Kelly**

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.

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

God of Grace, God of Glory (v. 1, 2, 4)

ELW #705

INTROIT with Psalm 119:76

Let your steadfast love comfort me

according to your promise to your servant.

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 Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING:

Amos 6:1-7

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM:

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

²**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;

⁶**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,**

and food to those who hunger.

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**⁸The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

⁹The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING:

1 Timothy 3:1-13

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. ⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

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 16:19-31

SERMON

Pastor Norman Sulaica, Jr.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (v. 1, 3, 4) ELW #712

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

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
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:

our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit
with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope;
the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings.
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:
Heav'n 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, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together
Just As I Am, Without One Plea
Beautiful Savior

ELW #471

ELW #592

ELW #838

DECLARATION OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

ELW #536

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and comfort those in need.

Thanks be to God.

***Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Keith & Jeannie Kroll in honor of
Audra's 18th Birthday.***



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This Week's Events

Tuesday, September 27th

6:30AM Food Pantry

9:00AM Quilting

Wednesday, September 28th

5:00PM Confirmation Class



Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 2nd

Parish Committee Meeting after worship service

Monday, October 3rd

10:00AM weekly Bible series begins

Saturday, October 22nd

Family Fish Fest (formerly Kid Fish)

Sunday, October 23rd

7:30AM-12:00PM Blood Drive

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

after worship service, information will be provided with

October newsletter

Sunday, November 13th

Good Neighbor Sunday meal after worship service

Wednesday, November 23rd

6:00PM Pies & Prayers follow by worship service at

6:30PM



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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Donald Lange	Emery & Helen Schulze		
Carol Crosby	Mike Altman		



Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Patti Clay, Russell Seeker, Cooper Huckert, David Feldmann, Judi Davis, Donna Haarmeyer, Taurie Randermann, Dana Gaskamp, Tara Reuter, Stephanie Follis and Tatum Lackey

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Allen & Arlie Parker, Daniel & India Randermann and Wesley & Carol Westerfeld

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

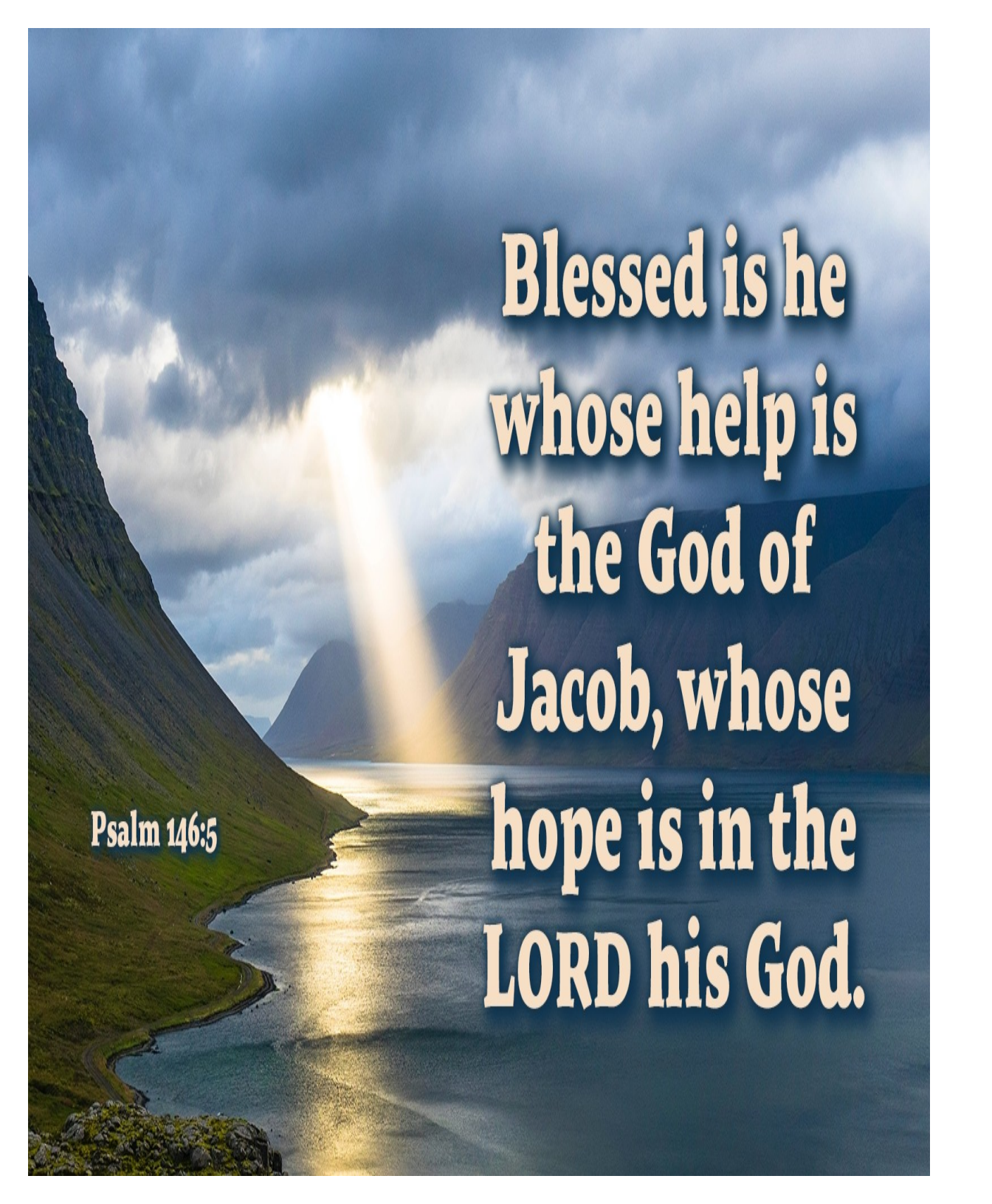


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A dramatic landscape featuring a sunburst breaking through a cloudy sky, casting a golden glow over a fjord. The sunburst is the central focus, with rays of light illuminating the water and the surrounding mountains. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and the water reflects the golden light. The mountains are steep and rugged, with some greenery visible on the slopes. The overall mood is one of hope and divine light.

**Blessed is he
whose help is
the God of
Jacob, whose
hope is in the
LORD his God.**

Psalm 146:5



Listening for the Promise

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 25, 2022

“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory...who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!” - Amos 6:4a, 6-

God called Amos, a shepherd living in the southern kingdom of Judah, to prophecy against the northern kingdom of Israel approximately thirty five years before the Assyrians conquered Israel in 722 BC. At the time of Amos’ prophecies Israel enjoyed great prosperity and power. However, this wealth and prosperity led to complacency, idolatry, oppression of the poor, and hypocrisy that embraced religious ritual and activities while neglecting justice and right living.

So, the Lord proclaims to Israel, “Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs...I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (5:22-24).

Israel was failing to live in the way God called them to live, in a way that honored him and others. Rather than obeying his command to love him (Deut. 6:5) and others (Lev. 19:18b), they lived self-indulgent lives that put themselves first (see above verse). They ignored God’s call throughout Scripture to care for one another, taking special care of the poor, the needy, the ill, the outcasts. They ignored Deut.15:11: “For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor in your land.’” They forgot Proverbs 14:31: “Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.” In the New Testament, Jesus sends those who ignore the needy to “the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matt.25:41). But to those who listen to his command to love he says, “Come...inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me” (Matt. 25:34b-36).