

# St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

## Pentecost 6, Proper 9

### July 9, 2023



### Worship Assistants

**Pastor:** Rev. Norman Sulaica, Jr.

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**Ushers:** Jon Westerfeld

**Council Members:** Rita Gaskamp, Josh Clay

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**Sanctuary Prep:** Karen Rosenbaum, Donna Skrla

**Memorial Committee:** Ruth Finke, Diana Williams

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE PEACE**

**ELW Pg. 152**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Peace be with you.                      R. Peace be with you.

*Please be seated.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GATHERING HYMN**

How Great Thou Art

**ELW #856**

**INTROIT with Psalm 91:1**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**ELW Pg. 147**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**      Nothing But the Blood of Jesus (Guitar Accompaniment)      **SCREEN**

**1 What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Refrain:**

**O precious is the flow  
that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know;  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**2 For my pardon this I see:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing this my plea:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]**

**3 Nothing can for sin atone:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]**

**4 This is all my hope and peace:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:**

**Psalm 145:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you**

**and praise your Name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

there is no end to his greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another**

**and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty

and all your marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,**

**and I will tell of your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;

they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,**

**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is loving to everyone

and his compassion is over all his works.

<sup>10</sup>**All your works praise you, O LORD,**

**and your faithful servants bless you.**

<sup>11</sup>They make known the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your power;

<sup>12</sup>**That the peoples may know of your power**

**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

your dominion endures throughout all ages.

<sup>14</sup>**The LORD is faithful in all his words**

**and merciful in all his deeds.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Romans 7:14-19, 24-25a**

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (v. 1)

**SCREEN**

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.**

**\*GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 11-25-30**

<sup>25</sup>Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Norman Sulaica, Jr.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

He Leadeth Me (v. 1, 3, 4)

**SCREEN**

- 1 He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought!  
Oh, words with heav’nly comfort fraught!  
Whate’er I do, where’er I be,  
still ’tis God’s hand that leadeth me.**

***Refrain***

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me.  
His faithful foll’wer I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since ’tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain***

- 4 And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the vict’ry’s won,**

e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

## CREED

*ELW Pg. 105*

\*Apostle's 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

*Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.*

**OFFERING HYMN**                      Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful                      *ELW #184*

**OFFERTORY**                      Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow                      *ELW #884*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Let us pray.*

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 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 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**

*Let us pray.*

Great is our Lord for he is gracious and full of compassion.  
Humbly you entered Jerusalem mounted on a donkey  
To bring to us righteousness through your salvation.  
You bear our sins on the cross.

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ!  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life. **Amen.**

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God  
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.**

**SCREEN**

**DISTRIBUTION**



## COMMUNION HYMNS

Here Is Bread  
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling  
Father Most Holy

**ELW #483**

**ELW #608**

**ELW #415**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## DECLARATION OF GRACE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Let us pray.*

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign ( v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

**ELW #434**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live as children of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28



Dear Campers and Parents,

Today is the day we leave for church camp (July 9<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>). If you have not already done so, please visit Camp Lone Star ([camplonestar.org](http://camplonestar.org)) to check on what each camper should pack and should not pack. Pastor Norm will be at camp with our youth. Please be sure to bring your Bible. We will focus on Bible basics to help us navigate through the Holy Scriptures.

Camp registration for Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> is between 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and check out is Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. There is a closing program set to begin at 10:45 am. Parents are invited to this event. The camp address is 2016 Camp Lone Star Rd. La Grange, TX 78945. Should your youth need a ride to or back from camp, contact the church, so that arrangements can be made.

Campers come with joy in your hearts. It is going to be a fun week.

Pastor Norm Sulaica

### Attendance Cards

Please remember to complete an attendance card each week. Update any change of address or phone number on the back of the card. We are updating our membership rolls to make sure that the information we have is up to date. Also, please use your offering envelopes provided to insure that your envelopes are counted properly and for future tax purposes. If you forget your envelope, you may use one that is located in the pew. Thanks.

# **Upcoming Via de Cristo Weekend..... Study, Worship, Sharing**

September 14-17, 2023  
Camp Lone Star - Pines Campus  
Tomball, TX

In all things, God works for the good of those who love Him.” Romans 8:28

Via de Cristo is a Spanish phrase meaning Way of Christ. A Via de Cristo weekend is a three-day journey, designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, bringing them to a new awareness of living in God’s grace. The participants live, study, worship and commune together daily.

There are fourteen talks, nine by lay people and five by clergy, presenting the Christian life, based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ.. Via de Cristo gives those attending a living understanding of basic Christian Truths. Participants will enjoy music and singing, food and fellowship, and a time for prayer and reflection.

For more information, contact Pastor Norm or Sandy Ordner.

July 9th - July 14th Pastor Norm at Youth Camp

## **Monday, July 10th**

No Bible Study

6:00PM Council Meeting

## **Tuesday, July 11th**

6:30AM Food Pantry

## **Wednesday, July 12th**

2:00PM Game Day

6:30PM Choir Practice

## **Thursday, July 13th**

2:00PM Ladies Aid



### Church Library

The new library, located across from the Pastor's office is OPEN. Come by and pick from the many adult and children books that can be checked out. There are also items within the library available for purchase by donation.

### Choir Practice

Choir practices are held on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. The choir is looking for members of the congregation to join and share their voices. The choir sings on the last Sunday of each month. Come share your talent with us!

### Photo Directory Team

**A photo directory team is being formed and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Norm or the church secretary know.**



St. John Lutheran Church  
Men's Group

Gentlemen, please join us at 8:00AM the 3rd Saturday of each month for breakfast, devotion, and fellowship. The next meeting is July 15th.

# Game Day

Each 2nd Wednesday of the month, there will be a Game Day at the church from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. The next Game Day is July 12th. Join us for fun, games and fellowship. All ages are welcome.

## **2023 ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President.....Herbert Klatte, Jr.  
Vice-President..... Kenneth Seeker  
Treasurer ..... Sharon Neutzler  
Secretary.....Rita Gaskamp  
Community Concerns.....India Randermann  
Evangelism.....Josh Clay  
Financial Secretary..... Jeannie Kroll  
Parish Ed .....Stephanie Koehler  
Property..... Colton Maass  
Worship & Music..... Virginia Altman

## **Contact Information for Pastor Norm**

Pastor Norm can be reached in either of  
the following ways:  
Cell Phone Number (361) 362-9108 Or  
Email: [pastornorm2003@yahoo.com](mailto:pastornorm2003@yahoo.com)

## **Bible Study Series**

A weekly Bible study is being held each Monday at 10:00AM.  
Please join in this learning opportunity and for the  
Fellowship. The group will not meet on July 10th.

Prayer Requests for our Church Family:

Mavis Smith Janice Cordova Sydney Wagner Florence Bentke  
Gilbert Spinn Helen Gaskamp Cynthia Wilson Linda King Jerry Rander-  
mann Mary Ann Luce Connie Seward Dorothy Wiesepape Mark  
Marburger Tom Bentke Earline Moody Verna Mae Sefcik Ruth Finke  
Peggy & Milton Bosse Donald Lange Emery & Helen Schulze Carol Crosby Mike Altman Dennis Moehlmann  
Sandy Kite Diana Williams Lloyd Neutzler Evelyn Thielemann Mollie Grote



**Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Londyn Evans, Elsie Herrmann, Christin Seeker, Christian Kuecker, Alex Grote, and Colton Maass**

**Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Marcus & Brenda Randermann**

Aaron Batot	Gladys Schwartz	Patty Addicks
Alyssa and Aliza Jones	Glyn Spiess	Roger Ellermann
Amanda Gurka	James Lee	Rosemary Gaskamp
Ann Fogt	Joe Deatherage	Shannon Wellmann
Brent Dorman	Kennedy Altman	Sue Maass
Carol Lieber	Larry Dean Koch	Wayne Hueske
Christy Dallmeyer	Mark Hundemer	William Richter
David Majewski	Mike McIntyre	<b>Please notify the church office of</b>
Dawn Sulaica	Missy Goldmith	<b>prayer requests by noting on the back of</b>
Dorothy Bowles	Nicole Clark	<b>your attendance card. Thanks.</b>



*The 2023 flower chart is posted in the Annex so that you may sign up to place flowers in the church. You may sign up for flowers by checking the flower chart for available dates.*

REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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Office hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00am-4:00pm Website: www.stjohnprairiehill.org

## NALC Disaster Response Kit Packing List



The following items are being collected for the months of May, June and July to donate to the NALC Disaster Response. We would like to be able to fulfill the need of 50 kits each month. A monetary donation in lieu of the supplies can be made payable to St John Lutheran Church indicating NALC Disaster Response. Items may be left in the Narthex area on right side upon entry

### **For the month of July - Elementary**

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket holders
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 4 pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 eraser
- 1 box of crayons, colored pencils, or markers

## **Food Pantry**

Food Pantry is July 11th.

## **Blood Drive**

Mark your calendars for the next blood drive to be held July 30th. Please consider donating the "Gift of Life".

Special Fund Envelope for July is  
**Brenham Game Changers.**

# Prairie Hill Vacation Bible School 2023

July 31- Aug 4



**Monday - Thursday**

St. John Prairie Hill Parish Hall

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

**Friday**

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Gun and Rod Club

Closing Party

The meal each night will be from 6:00 - 6:20. Rotations and opening will begin at 6:25.

There will be a closing during worship service on Sunday, August 6th, at 9:15

**ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE  
July 16th. THIS WILL GIVE US TIME TO PREPARE CRAFTS AND MEALS FOR  
ALL REGISTERED CHILDREN. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM USING THE  
LINK or the QR CODE BELOW.**

**[Register HERE!](#)**

