

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Pentecost 10, Proper 13

August 6, 2023



Worship Assistants

Pastor: Rev. Norman Sulaica, Jr.

Accompanist: Linda Schulze

Acolyte: Hunter Janner

Lay Reader: Sandy Ordner

Altar Preparations: Donna Bentke, Deanna Giese

Tellers: Charles Gaskamp, Lauren Maass

Screen Crew: Janice Fairlie, Kallie Krause

Ladies Aid : Carolyn Kessel

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Ken Seeker

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Memorial Committee: Sandy Janner, 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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GATHERING HYMN

Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer (v. 1-3)

ELW #618

INTROIT with Psalm 105:1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

ELW Pg. 147

Please be seated.

VBS Music

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; 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:

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM:

Psalms 136:1-9

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

²**Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his mercy endures forever.**

³Give thanks to the LORD of lords,
for his mercy endures forever.

⁴**Who only does great wonders,
for his mercy endures forever;**

⁵Who by wisdom made the heavens,
for his mercy endures forever;

⁶**Who spread out the earth upon the waters,
for his mercy endures forever;**

⁷Who created great lights,
for his mercy endures forever;

⁸**The sun to rule the day,
for his mercy endures forever;**

⁹The moon and the stars to govern the night,
for his mercy endures forever.

SECOND READING:

Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are

Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.
The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lord Be Glorified (2X) **SCREEN**

**In Your Word, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In Your Word, Lord be glorified, today.**

***GOSPEL:** **Matthew 14:13-21**

¹³When Jesus heard {of John the Baptist’s death}, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.
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 I Love to Tell the Story (v. 1-3) **ELW #661**

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.

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| OFFERING HYMN | Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful | ELW #184 |
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| OFFERTORY | Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow | ELW #884 |
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

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:
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.

EUCHARIST PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, God of Heaven.

Your mercy endures forever,

And You deliver us from our enemies.

And You adopt us into your family the church.

Through this sacred meal free us from our sinful past

And give us new life through Christ. **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.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,
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

**I Am the Bread of Life (v. 1-4)
Praise & Thanksgiving
Take My Life That I May Be**

**ELW #485
ELW #689
ELW #685**

Please stand as you are able.

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (v. 1-3)

ELW #836

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and call upon the LORD.

Thanks be to God!



Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God by
Pastor Norm & Laura Sulaica.

Octoberfest

An Octoberfest Bizarre with German food, music and fun will be held October 22nd. Please share your talents by offering crafts, baked goods and canned food to be sold at the bizarre. Please let one of the following listed below if you are interested in sharing.

For any questions, please contact Regina Holtkamp, Jeannie Kroll, Mary Longhofer or Laura Sulaica.

All monies will go toward the camp fund to be used for camps, retreats and outings.

Jump Start

Meeting on August 14th at 7:00PM.

Attendance Card Information

So that we may have the correct current address and telephone number, please complete that information on the attendance card for our photo directory contact. If you have a change, please acknowledge that change on the back of the attendance card. We would still like you to provide address and phone information, even if you have no change.

Also, please use your offering envelopes that have been 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.

Young Women's Circle

The Young Women's Circle will meet today at 4:00PM.

Quilters

Quilters will be meeting on August 15th and August 22nd.

Acolyte Training Class

There will be an acolyte training class for 4th-8th grade students on Sunday August 13th, during Sunday School.

Confirmation Meeting

A meeting for all confirmation aged students and their parents will be held Tuesday, August 16th at 6:00PM.



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.



Monday, August 7th

10:00AM Bible Study

6:00PM Executive Meeting

Tuesday, August 8th

6:30AM Food Pantry

9:00AM Music Planning Team

Wednesday, August 9th

2:00PM Game Day

6:30PM Choir Practice

Thursday, August 10th

2:00PM Ladies Aid

Church Library

The new library, located across from the Pastor's office is OPEN! Come visit our church's gift shop and see what is there. There will be new seasonal items coming soon for Autumn. There are many adult and children's books that can be checked out.

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!

Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes will begin August 23rd.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry will be distributing food on Tuesday, August 8th.

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Men's Ministry

Gentlemen, please join us at 8:00AM the 3rd Saturday of each month for breakfast, devotion, and fellowship.. The next meeting is August 19th at 8:00AM.

Game Day

Each 2nd Wednesday of the month, there will be a Game Day at the church from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. Join us for fun, games and fellowship. All ages are welcome. They will meet on Wednesday, August 9th at 2:00PM.

Kid Fish

Will be held in August. Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins.

Ladies Aid

Meeting on August 10th at 2:00PM.

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

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.

Prayer Requests for our Church Family:

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



Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Charles Kuecker, Jacob Hohlt, Gunnar Eckert, Cassie Lynch,
Rachel Feldmann, Arabella Cay, and Brittyn Randermann
Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Damon & Francis Wagner, David & Patti Clay.

Prayer Requests for Our Family and Friends:

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

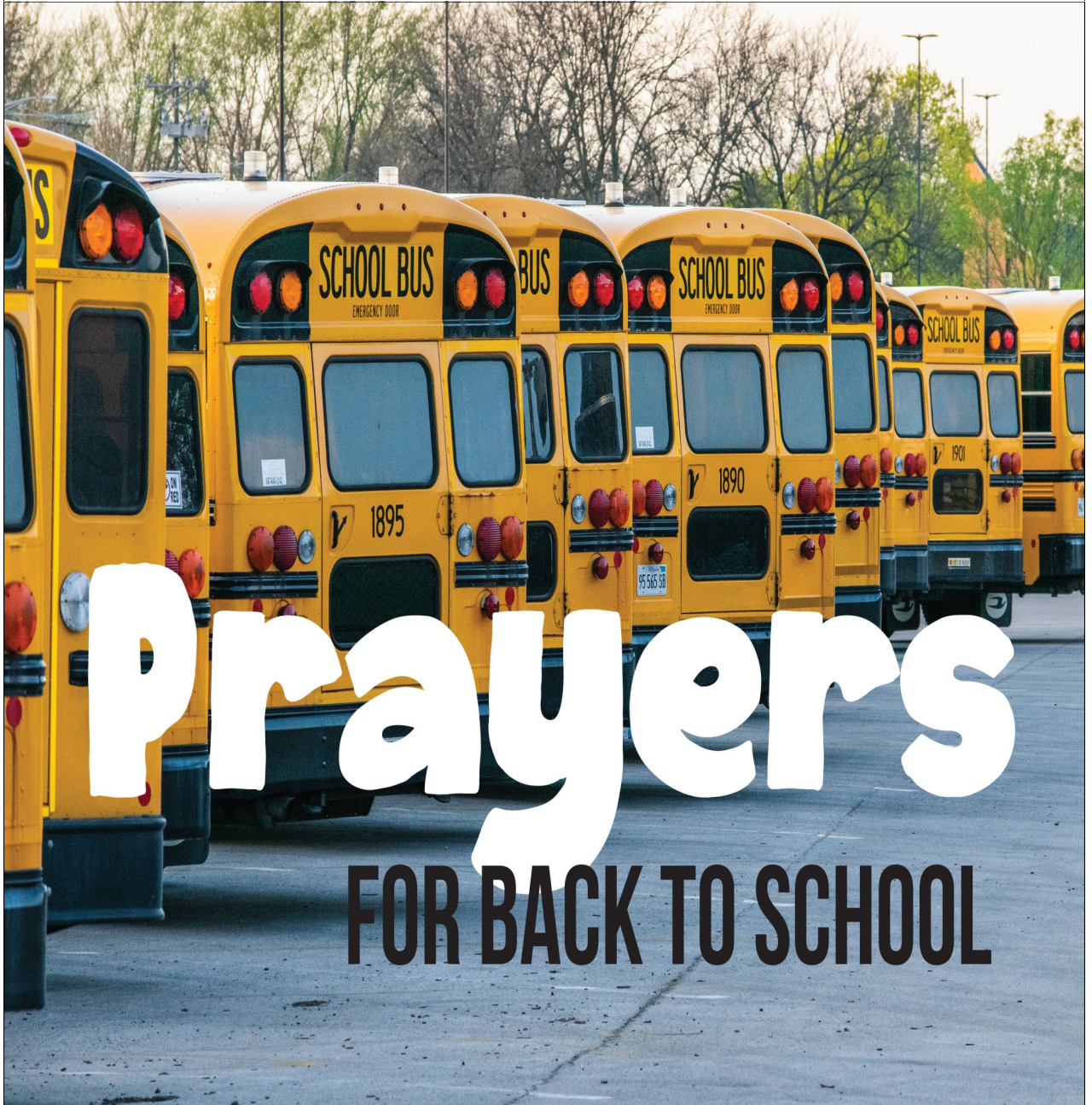


The 2023 flower chart is posted in the Annex so that you may sign up to place flowers in the church. You may sign up for flowers by checking the flower chart for available dates.

REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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Special Fund Envelope for August is the
cemetery fund.





"TAKE
HEART;
IT IS I.

DO NOT
BE AFRAID."

MATTHEW 14:27

2023 ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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