

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Pentecost 12, Proper 15

August 20, 2023



Worship Assistants

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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.

Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen

God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. 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 sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW #673

INTROIT with Psalm 28:8

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see you;
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You. I want to see You.

**To see You high and lifted You up,
Shining in the light of Your glory;
Pour out Your pow'r and love,
As we sing, "holy, holy, holy." (Chorus)**

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. 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.

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.”

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The LORD God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us,

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

**²Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

⁷May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.

³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Word of God, Word of life.

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 15:21-28**

²¹Jesus went away from {Gennesaret} and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

ELW #742

CREED

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**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.

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

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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

Holy, Holy, Holy **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.

Almighty God, may your countenance shine upon us.

For you have not rejected us, but reconciled us.

We praise you, O God, for your mercy given to us through the cross of Jesus.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us

through the body and blood of our Savior and Lord, Jesus 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.

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.**

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW #461
ELW #656
ELW #886

Please stand as you are able.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and confess Jesus is LORD!

Thanks be to God!

Attendance Card Information

We want to make certain that we have your current phone number and address for the upcoming photo directory contact.

Please indicate any changes on the back of your attendance card.
We would still like you to provide address and phone information, even if you have no change.

Altar Flowers are given today,
to the Glory of God by
Charles & Deanna Giese.



Octoberfest

An Octoberfest Bazaar 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 bazaar. 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.

Choir

Choir Practice is Wednesday August 23rd at 6:30PM.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes will begin August 23rd at 5:00PM.

Quilters

Quilters will meet on August 22nd.

Newsletter

If there is an upcoming event, or article you would like included in the bulletin and/or newsletter, please provide the church office with the details

Kid Fish

Coming in October. Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins and the newsletter.

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.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd from 6:30am-8:00AM.

Special Fund Envelope for August is the
cemetery fund.



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.

Contact Information for Pastor Norm

Pastor Norm can be reached in either of the following ways:
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Monday, August 21st

10:00AM Bible Study

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, August 22nd

6:30AM Food Pantry

9:00AM Quilting

9:00AM Music Planning Team

Wednesday, August 23rd

5:00PM Confirmation

6:30PM Choir Practice

Prayer Requests for our Church Family:

Mavis Smith Janice Cordova Sydney Wagner Florence Bentke
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Mollie Grote Family of Peggy Bosse

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Case Lange, Cambry Wilkerson, and Paige Bednar

Those Celebrating wedding anniversaries: Brett & Jennifer Schroeder



Prayer Requests for Our Family and Friends:

Aaron Batot	Gladys Schwartz	Roger Ellermann
Alan Pittman	James Lee	R.V. Pittman
Alyssa and Aliza Jones	Joe Deatherage	Shannon Wellmann
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Christy Dallmeyer	Mike McIntyre	William Richter
David Majewski	Missy Goldmith	Please notify the church office of prayer requests by noting on the back of your attendance card. Thanks.
Dora Pittman	Nicole Clark	
Dorothy Bowles	Patty Addicks	



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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