

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Pentecost 20, Proper 23

October 15, 2023



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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.

Holy and gracious God,

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

Be Thou My Vision (v. 1, 2, 4)

ELW #793

INTROIT with Psalm 146:2

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

ELW Pg. 147

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**1 Light of the World
You stepped down into darkness
Open my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you**

Chorus:

**Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

**2 King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the Earth you created
All for love's sake became poor (Chorus)**

**I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sins upon that cross**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM:**Psalm 23**

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING:**Philippians 4:4-13**

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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 (2 times)

SCREEN

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

GOSPEL*Matthew 22:1-14**

¹Again Jesus spoke to {the chief priests and the Pharisees} in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and

my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.””⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O’ Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Norman Sulaica, Jr.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is (v. 1, 5, 6)

ELW #502

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,
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.

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 *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.

O Lord, You are our Shepherd.

You do not leave us to sin

but revives our soul through the forgives us all our sins.

Bless us through this holy supper.

Redeem our lives from sin and evil.

May your goodness and mercy

create in us clean hearts through the body and blood of Jesus.

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,

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

SCREEN

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

*Now We Join in Celebration
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Take My Life, That I May Be*

*ELW #462
ELW #773
ELW #685*

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

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW #537

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and turn to God!

Thanks be to God!



*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Colton & Lauren Maass
In memory of their Mimi.*

Attendance Card Information

We want to make certain that we have your current phone number and address. 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.

The background of the flyer is a stylized illustration of a fall camp scene. It features several green pine trees, two orange tents with dark brown interiors, and a campfire made of logs with a yellow and orange flame. Two children, a boy in a blue shirt and orange pants, and a girl in a brown shirt and blue pants, are standing on the left side, looking through binoculars. The ground is a mix of light brown and white, suggesting a path or snow. The overall style is simple and colorful.

FALL BLAST CAMP

Camp Lone Star
La Grange, TX

Calling all 3rd-5th grade
boys and girls for a fun
weekend. Camp activities,
skits, games, songs, Bible
study, and much more!

NOVEMBER
3-5

For more info
contact
Pastor or
Cindy Clay
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Weight-A-Thon

Sunday, September 17th, Pastor Norm stepped on the scale and revealed his weight. He weighed in and kicked off the beginning of Bod4God.

Bod4God is centered around scripture and weight loss. His purpose is to encourage each of you to commit to raising money for our youth to attend camp and also to encourage a healthier you. A sign up sheet to support this Weight-A-Thon will be available in the Narthex and remain throughout the event. You can make a financial commitment for every pound Pastor Norm loses or a single donation. He will step back on the scale on January 21st, 2024.

Semi-Annual Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the church will be held on October 22nd, following the worship service. Information was included in your October newsletter.

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

Special Fund Envelope for October is CASA for Kids

2023 ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Monday, October 16th

10:00AM Bible Study

6:00PM Bod4God

Tuesday, October 17th

9:00AM Quilting

9:00AM Music Planning Team

Wednesday, October 18th

5:00PM Confirmation

6:30PM Choir Practice

Thursday, October 19th

6:00PM Faith Lessons Bible Study

Saturday, October 21st

7:00AM Family Fish Fest

Sunday, October 22nd

Semi Annual Meeting after Worship Service

3:00PM Octoberfest



Church Gift Shop and Library

Take the opportunity to visit the library, located across from the Pastor's office! Come by and see the many items available by donation. There are great gift ideas. Both new items and seasonal items are available. Books for children and adults can be checked out. Come by and see what is available!

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 Milton Bosse Donald Lange Jim & Sandy Kite Mike Altman
Emery & Helen Schulze Dennis Moehlmann Diana Williams Lloyd Neutzler Mollie Grote
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Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Janet Wehring, Martin Reisner, Florence Wolff, Cody Schroeder, Dorothy Bentke, Betty Feldmann, Jeannie Kroll, Carol Haarmeyer, and Jenna Dismukes
Those Celebrating wedding anniversaries: Johanna & Chance Wilkerson, Gerald & Brenda Herrmann
And Ryan & Cassie Lynch

Prayer Requests for our Family and Friends: Please note prayer requests on the back of your attendance card.

Aaron Batot	Gladys Schwartz	RV Pittman
Alan Pittman	Gloria Hanath	Shannon Wellmann
Albert Lee & Caroline Linke	James Lee	Sue Beall
Aliza Jones	Joe Deatherage	Sue Maass
Amanda Gurka	Kelsey Mattheis	Tess Loberg
Ann Fogt	Kennedy Altman	Wayne Hueske
Blake Townsend	Mark Hundemer	William Richter
Brent Dorman	Marlene Fairlie	
Carol Lieber	Mike McIntyre	
Christy Dallmeyer	Missy Goldmith	
David Majewski	Nicole Clark	
Dorothy Bowles	Patty Addicks	
Floyd & Joan Engeling	Roger Ellermann	



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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Bod4God

Bod4God is a meeting on October 16th, 2023 at 6:00PM. Join this journey of faith and weight loss ministry. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

FAMILY FISH FEST (FORMERLY KID FISH)

OCTOBER 21ST

7:00AM REGISTRATION

12:00PM WEIGH-IN

6:00PM FISH FRY MEAL

FISHING AT SELECT PONDS ONLY.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THE MEAL.

AGES 0-99.

Faith Lessons Bible Study Class

A five week Bible Study class, Faith Lessons on the Promise Land, is October 19th at 6:00PM. Filmed on location in Israel, Faith Lessons, is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance by weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious contexts. Join us in attending this this unique weekly event.

Octoberfest

St John's Octoberfest will be held October 22nd from 3:00-6:00 p.m. with German music by Allison Crowson's band from 3:00-5:00. German food will be served from 3:00-5:30, and the Bazaar and Silent Auction will be held from 3:00-5:30. There will also be kids' crafts, craft beer, and lawn games, so bring your lawn chairs and join the fun!

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex for those planning to attend and for what items will be donated, both will help with planning. Also please bring any donated items for the Bazaar or Silent Auction to the Parish Hall (entering through the double doors) Saturday, October 21st from 1:00-4:00 p.m. as work will begin to arrange these items for the Octoberfest Bazaar. Again, items may be crafted, baked, or canned. Thank you ahead for all you may share. All donations from this event

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class is Wednesday, October 18th at 5:00pm.

♥♥♥Newsletter Deadline for November articles and information is Monday, October 16th.♥♥♥

Quilting

The Quilters will meet Tuesday, October 17th @ 9:00AM.



TRUNK or TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 29th from 5PM-7PM in the Activity Center. Join us for the activities and the fun.

Bible Study

Bible study will be Monday, October 16th at 10:00AM.

Choir

Choir Practice is Wednesday October 18th at 6:30PM.