

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Lent 1

February 18, 2024



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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory (v. 1, 2, 4)

ELW #324

INTROIT

Psalm 91:15-16

When he calls to me, I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

ELW Pg. 147

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

and also with you.

KYRIE

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Lamb of God

ELW #336

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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:

Genesis 22:1-18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM:

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

⁶**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

⁸**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

SECOND READING

James 1:12-18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Pg. 151

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

***GOSPEL**

Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”
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 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (v. 1, 3, 4) *ELW #759*

CREED

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

OFFERING HYMN *Create in Me a Clean Heart* *ELW #185*

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

ELW Pg. 153

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
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

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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.
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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ELW #484

Lord Take Hand and Lead Me

ELW #767

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW #502

Please stand as you are able.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

ELW #325

DISMISSAL

Through trials and temptations, may the peace of God be upon you!

Thanks be to God!



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Dorothy Wiesepape in celebration of her
birthday.

Soup Supper Sign-up Sheets are available in the
Narthex.

Lenten Services

2024 Lent Services will center around the theme of **Preparation**. Lent is a season for us to prepare for the Resurrection of Jesus, that is Easter Sunday. It is a brief focus on where we explore how are lives on earth are centered in preparing for our Lord's return and our eternal future with our Heavenly Father. Each week will highlight practice such as prayer, repentance, and simple living and their role in our faith walk. **Our five-week Soup Dinners and Lent Services start February 21. The meal begins at 5 pm and the worship service is set for 6 pm.**

Preparation comes through.....

February 21st - Fasting

February 28th - Prayer

March 6th - Repentance

March 13th - Self-denial

March 20th - Simple Living

Lawn Care

The Church is looking for lawn care services. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, contact Colton Maass at (979) 251-2818.

Tuesday, February 20th

9:00AM Quilting

Wednesday February 21st

5:00PM Soup Supper

6:00 Worship Service

Choir Practice After Worship Service



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

Bod4God

Pastor Norm is continuing his Bod4God journey. 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. Bod4God will meet again February 26th at 6:00PM. Weigh -in will be at the Easter Sunrise Service.

2024 St John Council Members

President	Kenneth Seeker	Evangelism.....	Cindy Clay
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Secretary.....	Rita Gaskamp	Property.....	Colton Maass
Community Concerns.....	Gayle Bednar	Worship & Music.....	Virginia Altman

February Special Envelope is Bread Partners

Choir

Choir practice is February 21st following the Worship Service.

Confirmation Class

There will be no Confirmation class on Wednesday February 21st.

Bible Study

There will be no Bible study will be on Monday, February 19th.

Church Gift Shop and Library

Take the opportunity to visit the library and see what is available for you!

Reaching Your Church Office: Linda Crabtree prairiehillsecretary@gmail.com Church Office

Phone: 979-836-8666 Office hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00am-4:00pm

Website: www.stjohnprairiehill.org

Church Council President Ken Seeker. (512) 801--8663

Flower Chart

The 2024 Flower Chart is posted in the Annex. You may sign up to provide flowers by checking the chart for dates that are available.

Lenten Services

Beginning February 21st thru March 20th, there will be a soup supper at 5:00PM with a Worship Service following at 6:00PM.

Prayer Requests for our Church Family:

Mavis Smith Janice Cordova Sydney Wagner Florence Bentke Gilbert Spinn Helen Gaskamp Mollie Grote
Cynthia Wilson Linda King Jerry Randermann Connie Seward Dorothy Wiesepepe 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 Troy Seeker

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Donna Bentke, Kallie Krause, Jennifer Schroeder and Arlie Parker

Those Celebrating wedding anniversaries: David & Betty Feldmann and Fred & Debra Westerfeld

Prayer Request for Family and Friends of our Members:

Aaron Batot	Gladys Schwartz	Roger Ellermann
Alan Pittman	Gloria Hanath	RV Pittman
Albert Lee & Caroline Linke	James Lee	Sara Hardy
Aliza Jones	Joe Deatherage	Shannon Mitschke
Amanda Gurka	Larry Dean Koch	Shannon Wellmann
Ann Fogt	Leah McGee	Sue Beall
Blake Townsend	Kelsey Matthies	Tess Loberg
Carol Lieber	Kennedy Altman	Wayne Hueske
Christy Dallmeyer	Mark Hundemer	
Connie Cadenhead	Mike McIntyre	Please note on your attendance
Delano Klausmeyer	Missy Goldsmith	card the name of the individual
Dorothy Bowles	Nicole Clark	to add to our prayer listing.
Ellie & Eilla Rosenbaum	Rita Huckert	

**Member Offering Envelopes for 2024 are
available in the Narthex.**

