

St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Lent 2

February 25, 2024



Worship Assistants

Pastor: Rev. Norman Sulaica, Jr.

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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 stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW #339

INTROIT

Psalm 25:6

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

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

ELW Pg. 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,

and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,

for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,

and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Lamb of God
2

ELW #336

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE CHOIR *He Did It All for Me*

FIRST READING: **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: **Psalm 22:23-31**

²³You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴**For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

²⁸**For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰**Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 8:27-38

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸For whoever is

ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”
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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW #335

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**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.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN*Go, My Children, with My Blessing**ELW #543***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Fred & Debra Westerfeld in honor of their
Wedding Anniversary.

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

Food Pantry

Food Pantry will be held on Tuesday, February 27th..

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 28th - Prayer

March 6th - Repentance

March 13th - Self-denial

March 20th - Simple Living

Quilters will meet on Tuesday, February 27th.

Lawn Care

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

Monday, February 26th

10:00AM Bible Study

6:00PM Bod4God

Tuesday, February 27th

6:30AM Food Pantry

9:00AM Quilting

9:00AM Music Planning

Wednesday February 28th

4:30PM Confirmation

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
President Elect.....	Gerald Herrmann	Financial Secretary.....	Cassie Lynch
Treasurer.....	Regina Holtkamp	Parish Ed.....	Stephanie Koehler
Secretary.....	Rita Gaskamp	Property.....	Colton Maass
Community Concerns.....	Gayle Bednar	Worship & Music.....	Virginia Altman

Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies will again be available for purchase. The cost of each plant is \$13 and forms are located in the Narthex. The deadline to purchase Easter Lilies is March 17, 2024.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will be held on Wednesday February 28th at 4:30PM.

Bible Study

Join us for Bible study on Monday, February 26th. 10:00AM.

Choir

Choir practice is February 28th following the Worship Service.

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 available dates.

Lenten Services

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

Church Gift Shop and Library

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

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 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 Troy Seeker

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Cookie Engeling

Those Celebrating wedding anniversaries: Donald & Carolyn Lange and Don & Regina Holtkamp

Prayer Request for Family and Friends of our Members:

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

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



For whoever
would
SAVE
his life will
LOSE IT,
but whoever
loses his life
FOR
MY
SAKE
and the
GOSPEL'S
will save it.

MARK 8:35, ESV



