

# St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

## Lent 5

March 17, 2024



### Worship Assistants

**Pastor:** Rev. Norman Sulaica, Jr.

**Accompanist:** Linda Pieper

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**Communion Bread:** Deanna Giese

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**Altar Preparations:** Jennifer Schroeder, Jill Eckert

**Church Ministers:** St John Members

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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.**

*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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GATHERING HYMN** *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1, 2, 6)* *ELW #886*

## INTROIT

**Psalm 43:1**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,  
**from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

## 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Lamb of God*

*ELW #336*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray.*

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. 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.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>{Thus says the LORD,} “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:**

**Psalms 119:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

<sup>10</sup>**With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!**

<sup>11</sup>I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

<sup>12</sup>**Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!**

<sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

<sup>14</sup>**In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.**

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

<sup>16</sup>**I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Hebrews 5:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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 10:35-45**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,” <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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 Old Rugged Cross**

***SCREEN***

**1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

**Refrain:**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

## CREED

*ELW #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,  
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.*

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation,

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor,  
he lived under oppression,  
he wept over the city.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life. **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.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.  
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.  
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.  
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope. **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**

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	<i>ELW #494</i>
	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	<i>ELW #759</i>
	<i>Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult</i>	<i>ELW #696</i>

*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.**

<b>SENDING HYMN</b>	<i>What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine</i>	<i>ELW #774</i>
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**DISMISSAL**

Through Jesus, God cleans your heart.  
**Thanks be to God!**



**Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the  
Naomi Circle.**





### **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 our 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.**

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

Preparation comes through.....

March 20th - Simple Living

March Special Envelope is Habitat for Humanity.

God Squad will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 4:30PM.

### **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](mailto:pastornorm2003@yahoo.com)

**Monday, March 18th**

10:00AM Bible Study

6:00PM Bod4God

**Tuesday, March 19th**

9:00AM Quilting

9:00AM Music Planning

4:30PM God Squad

**Wednesday, March 20th**

4:30PM Confirmation Class

5:00PM Soup Supper

6:00PM Worship Service

Choir Practice After Worship Service

**Saturday, March 23rd**

Activity Center Reserved



**PAJAMAS**  
*PRAYERS*  
**& PANCAKES**

**SUNDAY APRIL 21**  
**@8:30 AM**

**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**AGED KIDS 0-18 ARE**  
**WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE**

Church Gift Shop and Library

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

## Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies are available for purchase. The cost of each plant is \$13 and forms are located in the Narthex. Today is the deadline to purchase Easter Lilies.

### 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

The Quilters will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 9:00AM.

### Choir

During Lent, Choir practice is Wednesday evenings following the Worship Service.

### Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 4:30.

### Bible Study

**Bible study will be on Monday, March 18th, 10:00AM.**

**The Activity Center is reserved on Saturday, March 23rd.**

**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](http://www.stjohnprairiehill.org), Church Council President Ken Seeker. (512) 801--8663

## 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 March 18th at 6:00PM. Weigh -in will be at the Easter Sunrise Service.

### 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, Carol  
Westerfeld

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Penny Randermann, Derek Gaskamp, Justin Neuendorff, Blake Becker  
and Clayton Boeker

Those Celebrating wedding anniversaries: Russell & Tina Seeker, Reagan & Taylor Lawhun

### Prayer Request for Family and Friends of our Members:

Aaron Batot	Gladys Schwartz	Roger Ellemann
Albert Lee & Caroline Linke	Gloria Hanath	RV Pittman
Aliza Jones	James Lee	Sara Hardy
Amanda Gurka	Joe Deatherage	Shannon Mitschke
Ann Fogt	John Lange	Shannon Wellmann
Blake Townsend	Larry Dean Koch	Sue Beall
Carol Lieber	Leah McGee	Tess Loberg
Charlie King	Kelsey Matthies	Wayne Hueske
Christy Dallmeyer	Kennedy Altman	
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.

**Member Offering Envelopes for 2024 are  
available in the Narthex. The Flower Chart is posted in the Annex  
for you to sign up to place flowers at our Worship Services.**

