

New Members

We are sure you have seen some new faces joining our worship service. If you would, take a minute to introduce yourself.

These are our newest members:

- Karen Anderson Brandon & Kristie Marth
- Richard & Jana Ahlers Emma Marth
- Jim & Hailey Kruse Paige Marth
- Jeanette Preuss David Kruse
- Bill & Cindy Morhofer Garra! & Linda Tiaden
- Shelly Hawkins Umberto Coppola

2025 ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Pentecost 11

August 24, 2025



Worship Assis-

tants

Pastor: Rev. Norman Sulaica, Jr.

Accompanist: Linda Schulze

Acolytes: Wyatt Davis

Communion Bread: Betty Feldmann

Lay Reader: Jennifer Anderson

Family Aid: Deanna Giese

Altar Preparations: Donna Bentke & Deanna Giese

Screen Crew: Kallie Krause , Jennifer Schroeder

Memorial Committee: Sandy Janner & Lynn Mitchel

Quilters: Mary Hill

Ushers: Boeker Family,
Gil Janner Family

Council Members: Gayle Bednar,
Megan Schramme

Tellers: Charles Gaskamp &
Lauren Maass

Sanctuary Prep: Julie Dismukes,
Mary Longhofer

Church Ministers: St John Members

Ladies Aid: Ellen Spinn &
Carolyn Kessel

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We ask that both members and visitors complete an attendance card each time you worship with us.

Please tune to 87.9 FM for access to the service in the church parking lot on Sundays.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE ELW Pg. 152

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 lovingkindness. 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

GATHERING HYMN Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (v.1,2,5) ELW# 533

INTROIT: Psalm 115:18

But we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the Lord!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

Remember in Prayers Our Church Family:

Ruth Finke	Howard Kruse	
Verna Mae Sefcik	Mollie Grote	Jerry Randermann
Dorothy Wiesepape	Phyllis Bickham	Tom Bentke
Connie Seward	Florence Bentke	Mark & Shanan Marburger
Donald Lange	Ashley Armatys	Helen Schulze
Elsie Herrmann	Virginia Altman	Mary Longhofer
Janice Fairlie	Delores Seeker	Janice Cordova
Marjorie Hohlt	David Feldmann	John Haarmeyer
Milton Bosse	Laura Sulaica	



Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Cambry Wilkerson, Paige Bednar, Rykar Eckert, Andrew Schroeder, Kristy Cochran, Troy Seeker
Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Kelly & James Antkowiak, Michael & Judy Griffin

Our Family and Friends:

Sue Beall	Judith Huckert
Robert Fuchs	Joe Frank Huckert
Christie Dallmeyer	Lewis Hodges
Joe Deatherage	Trina Crenshaw
Mary Angel	Floyd Engeling
Joan Engeling	Bill Odom
Denland Klausmeyer	Karen Curtis

*Names remain for 60 Days unless otherwise notified.
Please use the back of the attendance card if someone needs to be added or removed from the list. Complete a card each time you attend a worship service.*

Bills & Reimbursement

If anyone has bills or reimbursement receipts, please submit them by the 10th or 25th to be reimbursed on the 15th or the end of month checks. If requests come after 10th or 25th, the payment maybe held until the following pay period.

Thank you, Darrell & Regina

Updates from the Council Mailbox

-Due to a request, we are trying the passing of the offering plate through each pew. We will monitor how this works.

-Dual communion lines are being tried for the summer months. We are adjusting things as your requests have suggested. Grape juice cups are being filled on Sunday by council members to avoid any spoilage since it has been refrigerated.

Common cup will be provided with the help of past or current council members willing to serve.

-Please keep in mind, if you have a request or complaint, sign your name on your paper so we can contact you personally.

Thank you

Church Council

This Week's Events

Monday, August 25

10:00 AM Bible Study

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, August 26

6:30 AM Food Pantry

9:00 AM Quilting

9:00 AM Music Planning

Wednesday, August 27

4:30 PM Confirmation

6:30 PM Choir

Sunday, August 31

8:30 AM Sundry School

9:15 AM Worship Service



Altar Flowers are placed In Celebration of Michael & Judy Griffin's 49th Wedding Anniversary

Church Secretary Position

If you are interested in or know of someone who would be interested in the church secretary position here at St. John, please contact Gerald Herrmann (979-277-5877) or Pastor Norm (361-362-9108). This position will be 20-25 hours a week. Applicants will need computer and secretarial skills.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Because He Lives

Screen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²²For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

¹The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

³Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

⁴**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

⁵“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

⁶**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Surely the presence of the Lord (V.1) Screen

WORD OF GOD

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13:22-30

²²{Jesus} went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

DISTRIBUTION

Communion Hymns

ELW# 471 O Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW# 608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW# 335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

DECLARATION OF GRACE

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

Amen

SENDING SONG Praise to the Lord, the Almighty(v.1,3,4) ELW #858

DISMISSAL

Go in peace for you are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!



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 our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, 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.**

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.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (v.1,2,3) LBW #389

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

Each petition of the prayers ends with the following response:
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

Beautiful Savior

ELW #838

**1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

OFFERTORY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW #884

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy”

ELW# 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

We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.
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.