St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill June 6, 2021 Second Sunday after Pentecost Please tune to 87.9 FM



*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.**

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, 4 the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION & GRADUATE BLESSING (8:00AM)

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION & BLESSING (10:05AM)

FIRST READING GENESIS 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13--5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go

*GOSPEL MARK 3:20-35

[Jesus went home:] ²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰ for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." The Word of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tracey Breashears Schultz

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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*THE 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 Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*PEACE

*OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

*DIALOGUE

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.

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 p 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven 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.

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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may these precious gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen you and keep you in God's grace this day. **Amen**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

*BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

→ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.



Congratulations to those receiving the Men in Mission Scholarships! Clay Boeker & Riley Moehlmann

Congratulations to those receiving their bibles and First Communion today! Jax Antkowiak & Braelynn York





Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Donna Bentke in loving memory of Herman.



Our Church Family:

Sydney Wagner **Mavis Smith** Janice Cordova Florence Bentke Ella Ruemke Clarence Witt Gilbert Spinn Helen Gaskamp **Emery Schulze** Cynthia Wilson Verna Mae Sefcik Linda King Tom Bentke Jerry Randermann Mary Ann Luce Connie Seward Dorothy Wiesepape Phyllis Bickham Justin Reuter Charles "Dutch" Schulze

Marvin Haevischer Marjorie Hohlt Lea Alcala Mary Longhofer Clarence Moehlmann A.G. "Doc" & Allene Holtkamp Peggy & Milton Bosse

John & Carol Haarmeyer

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Gracie Westerfeld, Annie Hernandez, Alex Rosenbaum, Jeb Hatfield

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Lloyd & Sharon Neutzler

Friends & Family:

Blake Bates Carol Lieber Christy Dallmeyer John Tuefel

Please notify the church office of any prayer request by simply writing a note on the back of your attendance card. Thank you!

Names that have been on our friends and family prayer list for longer than 60 days have been removed.

VBS June 7-11th 6:00PM-7:45PM

Monday, June 7th 6:00PM Executive Meeting

Tuesday, June 8th 6:30AM-8:00AM Food Pantry

Thursday, June 10th
2:00PM Ladies Aid

Next Sunday, June 13th
9:00AM VBS Closing Worship Service





 Bishop Michael Rinehart, Bishop of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA, will be our guest pastor on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 13</u>, for the one service VBS Closing at 9:00AM. He will be available for a <u>Q&A Session</u> following the service.



Sunday, June 20th at 9:00AM

Dads, Step-Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers, Mentors and ALL "Dads" of St. Johns Prairie Hill are invited to enjoy donuts, juice, coffee, and quality time together.

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