# St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill August 22, 2021 Thirteenth 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,  $\oplus$  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

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

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#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (v 1, 3, 4)

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**BLESSING OF TEACHERS, BACKPACKS & DRIVERS** 

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

<sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." <sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." The Word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.** 

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 34:15-22

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

<sup>20</sup>God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of

these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go

\*GOSPEL John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." <sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Word of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

Pastor Martin Moore, Lay Minister Bill Morris

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

**Blessed Assurance** 

**ELW #638** 

\*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, 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,
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

*Abide with Me (v 1, 3, 5)* 

ELW #629

#### \*DISMISSAL

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



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Keith, Jeannie & Audra Kroll in thankfulness for all teachers!

Organ flowers are given to the Glory of God by the family of Janet Wehring in honor of her birthday!



#### **Our Church Family:**

**Mavis Smith** Janice Cordova Sydney Wagner Florence Bentke Ella Ruemke Clarence Witt Gilbert Spinn Helen Gaskamp **Emery Schulze** Verna Mae Sefcik Cynthia Wilson Linda King Tom Bentke Jerry Randermann Mary Ann Luce Connie Seward

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**Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries:** Case Lange, Cambry Wilkerson, Stacy Wegner, Paige Bednar, Andrew Schroeder, Jennifer Schroeder, Troy Seeker

**Those celebrating wedding anniversaries:** Brett & Jennifer Schroeder, Kelly & James Antkowiak

## Friends & Family:

Blake Bates
Carol Lieber
Christy Dallmeyer
Corrie Newland
Dottie Ringwald
Holly Haarmeyer Rodriquez
Jayme Remmelts
John Tuefel
Kathy Schrader
Marge Shaw
Melissa Weiss

Shannon Wellmann

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

Tuesday, August 24th

6:30AM-8:00AM Food Pantry

9:00AM Quilting

Next Sunday, August 29th

8:00AM Worship Service

9:00AM Sunday School & Acolyte Class

10:05AM Worship Service





We have formed a Constitution Committee of Rita Gaskamp, Joseph Ordner and Sharon Neutzler, to mesh our existing constitution and the new NALC model that will fit the needs of St. John. First meeting August 23.

Hello Everyone! We are back! The basket for our brave Military is back with some cards ready for y'all to write your messages.



Grammy's Cookie Convoy is back up and running as well.

With the coming month being a time for showing our heroic troops our appreciation, please fill that basket quickly. If you have extra cards, bring them so others can share. Also, if you can donate a few dollars for postage they would really appreciate that. That was one of the problems during the pandemic---getting anything overseas.

Phyllis Bickham

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