

**Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> LABOR DAY**

**Office Closed**

**Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00PM Ladies Aid**

**Next Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> Pent 16**

**8:00AM Worship Service**

**9:00AM Sunday School**

**10:05AM Worship Service**



**St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill**  
**September 5, 2021 15<sup>th</sup> 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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in **+** Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

**ELW #767**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God, **throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Kyrie*

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**ADMINISTRATIVE  
POSITION AVAILABLE**

Our church secretary, Johanna Becker, will be resigning September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office or a church council member if you are interested in the job and would like more information.

**REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE**

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**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 35:4-7a**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**Psalms 146**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**  
<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.  
<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**  
<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;  
<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING**

**James 2:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?



**Our Church Family:**

Mavis Smith	Janice Cordova	Sydney Wagner	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
Justin Reuter	Dorothy Wiesepape	Charles "Dutch" Schulze	
Marjorie Hohlt	Mary Longhofer	Clarence Moehlmann	
A.G. "Doc" & Allene Holtkamp	Peggy & Milton Bosse	John & Carol Haarmeyer	

**Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries:** Robert Neuendorff, Alexis Warmke, Brandon Kluck, Ross Curtis, Gilbert Spinn, Brenda Randermann, Cathy Boeker

**Friends & Family:**

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

**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**

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go*

**\*GOSPEL**

**Mark 7:24-37**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Martin Moore, Pastor Kris Brower**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

**ELW #765**

**\*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**

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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**

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***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.**