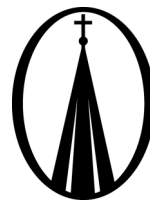


**St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill**  
**September 19, 2021 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
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**\*GREETING**

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**

*I Love Your Kingdom, Lord*

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Kyrie*

**ELW p147-148**

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

## SECOND READING

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. <sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go*

## **\*GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." The Word of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Kris Brower**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

**ELW #781**

## **\*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.  
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.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

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



Please let Sandy Ordner know if you are interested in attending:  
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Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Elsie Herrmann in honor of Nichole & Cody's wedding.



IN OUR



# Thoughts and Prayers

## 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 Wiesepepe	Charles "Dutch" Schulze	
Marjorie Hohlt	Mary Longhofer	Clarence Moehlmann	
A.G. "Doc" & Allene Holtkamp	Peggy & Milton Bosse	John & Carol Haarmeyer	

**Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries:** Florence Bentke, Charles Spinn, Gerald Kuecker, Beau Voelkel, Dorothy Meyer, Ellen Spinn, Patti Clay, Russell Seeker, Cooper Huckert

**Those celebrating wedding anniversaries:** Michael & Sabrina Altman, Jimmie & Karen Dreyer

## Friends & Family:

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

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

## REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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**Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Newsletter Deadline**

**Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00AM Quilting**



**Next Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**7:45AM Worship Service**

**9:00AM Sunday School**

## **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.

## **TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN, PRAIRIE HILL**

NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE MY LAST COLLECTION OF ALL CARDS GOING TO GRAMMY'S COOKIE CONVOY. THESE ARE THE CARDS FOR ALL THE MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN. WE HAVEN'T COLLECTED VERY MANY THIS TIME AROUND AND I KNOW SOME OF THE REASONS FOR THIS, BUT IN THIS DIRE TIME OF DISASTERS RIGHT AND LEFT THESE GUYS AND GALS NEED ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT THEY CAN GET.

PLEASE, AS A SMALL BUT GREAT LITTLE CHURCH IN THE COUNTRY, SHOW THESE PEOPLE HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THEM AND SUPPORT THEM WHILE THEY ARE AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES, GUARDING OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WAY OF LIFE.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR NOT ONLY THE MILITARY BUT WHAT YOU DID IN YEARS PASSED TO HELP LOUISIANA WHEN THEY WERE BATTLING KATRINA AND WHEN THEY CAME TO HELP DURING HARVEY. WE MAY BE A SMALL COMMUNITY BUT WE KNOW HOW TO HELP EACH OTHER IN TIMES OF STRESS AND TRAGEDY.

GOD BLESS, PHYLLIS