St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill September 26, 2021 18th 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

We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW #686

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Kyrie

ELW p147-148

FIRST READING

 4 The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! 5We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' 14 am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 104:27-35

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

²⁷These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up;

²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

 $^{^{}m 31}$ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works -

SECOND READING James 5:1-20

¹Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. ²Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth- eaten. ³Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. ⁴Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you. ⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹²Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "Yes" be yes and your "No" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. ¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

*GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 42"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." The Word of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Kris Brower

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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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

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 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

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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*DISMISSAL

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



Our Church Family:

Mavis SmithJanice CordovaSydney WagnerFlorence BentkeElla RuemkeClarence WittGilbert SpinnHelen GaskampEmery SchulzeCynthia WilsonVerna Mae SefcikLinda King

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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: David Feldmann, Judi Davis, Donna Haarmeyer, Taurie Randermann, Dana Gaskamp, Stephanie Follis, Tara Reuter, Tatum Lackey, Hunter Janner, Kevin Finke, Sandy Kite, Donna Skrla, Kevin Meyer, Glenda Stegent

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Allen & Arlie Parker, Lindsey & Graig Harrison, Wesley & Carol Westerfeld, Daniel & India Randermann

Friends & Family:

Blake Bates John Tuefel
Carol Lieber Kathy Schrader Please notify the church

Christy Dallmeyer Marge Shaw office of any prayer request Corrie Newland Shannon Wellmann by simply writing a note on

Dottie Ringwald the back of your attendance

Holly Haarmeyer Rodriquez card. Thank you!

Jayme Remmelts

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Tuesday, September 28th

6:30-8AM Food Pantry 9:00AM Quilting



Next Sunday, October 3rd

7:45AM Worship Service 9:00AM Sunday School

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION AVAILABLE

Our church secretary, Johanna Becker, will be resigning September 29th. 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 1ST 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



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Phyllis Bickham in loving memory of Ken Bickham.