# St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill October 17, 2021 21<sup>st</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

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

**ELW #818** 

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

<sup>10</sup>The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of laborers, whether they eat little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let them sleep. <sup>13</sup>There is a grievous ill that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owners to their hurt, <sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture; though they are parents of children, they have nothing in their hands. <sup>15</sup>As they came from their mother's womb, so they shall go again, naked as they came; they shall take nothing for their toil, which they may carry away with their hands. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous ill: just as they came, so shall they go; and what gain do they have from toiling for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Besides, all their days they eat in darkness, in much vexation and sickness and resentment. <sup>18</sup>This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of the life God gives us; for this is our lot. <sup>19</sup>Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil — this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For they will scarcely brood over the days of their lives, because God keeps them occupied with the joy of their hearts.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 119:9-16

<sup>9</sup>How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

<sup>11</sup>I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

<sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

<sup>14</sup>I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

<sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest is still open, let us take care that none of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For indeed the good news came to us just as to them; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "As in my anger I swore, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" though his works were finished at the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For in one place it speaks about the seventh day as follows, "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." <sup>5</sup>And again in this place it says,

"They shall not enter my rest." <sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains open for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he sets a certain day — "today" — saying through David much later, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." <sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not speak later about another day. 9So then, a Sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; <sup>10</sup> for those who enter God's rest also cease from their labors as God did from his. <sup>11</sup>Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall through such disobedience as theirs. <sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go

\*GOSPEL Mark 10:23-31

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." The Word of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

SERMON Pastor Kris Brower

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW #697

#### \*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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

#### \*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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**ELW #547** 

#### \*DISMISSAL

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



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Elsie Herrmann in honor of Jared & Rebekah's wedding.



#### **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

Dorothy Wiesepape Justin Reuter Charles "Dutch" Schulze Marjorie Hohlt Mary Longhofer Clarence Moehlmann

A.G. "Doc" & Allene Holtkamp Peggy & Milton Bosse John & Carol Haarmeyer

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Brian Knebel, Cody Schroeder, Dorothy Bentke, Betty Feldmann, Jeannie Kroll, Carol Haarmeyer, Jenna Hohlt, Doris Haarmeyer, Joshua Clay, Olivia Schramme, Soli Schramme, Tom Bentke, Robert Derkowski

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Gerald & Brenda Herrmann, Travis & Cori Kmiec, Andrew & Patty Schroeder, Ryan & Cassie Lynch, Gary & Anne Merkel

#### Friends & Family:

Alyssa & Ezlyn Jones Kathy Schrader Missy Goldmith Blake Bates Shannon Wellmann Carol Lieber

Christy Dallmeyer Corrie Newland **Dottie Ringwald** 

Holly Haarmeyer Rodriguez

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!

#### REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>
Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM Quilting

Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> Fishing Tournament

Next Sunday, October 24th

7:45AM Worship Service & Baptism

9:00AM Sunday School





### Fishing Tournament Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

7AM Registration, Noon Weigh-in, 6PM Meal Ages 0-99 Hosted by St. John Lutheran Church Call Kenneth for more information (979) 203-1237

## "Spook-tacular" Sunday School

Mark your calendar for October 31<sup>st</sup>; your child may wear their Halloween Costume to church and participate in a "Spook-tacular" Sunday School. If you would like to join in on our fun-filled Sunday School Activities, please bring a Small Pumpkin to decorate.



Grammy's Cookie Convoy cards for all the military men and women are due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please take a moment and fill one out if you haven't done so already.