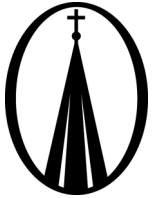


**St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill**  
**October 31, 2021 Reformation Sunday**  
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**\*GREETING**

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**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**ELW #504**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Kyrie*

**ELW p147-148**

## FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift,

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go*

**\*GOSPEL**

**John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Word of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Kris Brower**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Trust and Obey (v 1-4)*

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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:*

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**

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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.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

On Our Way Rejoicing

**ELW #537**

### **\*DISMISSAL**

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



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Keith and Jeannie Kroll  
in honor of Audra's baptismal anniversary (10/31/2004)



IN OUR



# Thoughts *and* Prayers

## Our Church Family:

Mavis Smith	Janice Cordova	Sydney Wagner	Florence Bentke
Ella Ruemke	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:** Cammie Guzman, Audra Kroll, Haylie Tosta, Ryan Tosta, Karen Tiller, Karen Dreyer, Evelyn Strangmeyer, Gil Janner, Camryn Finke

## Friends & Family:

Alyssa & Ezlyn Jones  
Blake Bates  
Carol Lieber  
Christy Dallmeyer  
Corrie Newland  
Dottie Ringwald  
Holly Haarmeyer Rodriquez  
John Tuefel  
Kathy Schrader  
Missy Goldmith  
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!

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**Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**6:00PM Executive Committee**

**Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00AM Naomi**

**Next Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> All Saints Sunday**

**7:45AM Worship Service**

**9:00AM Sunday School**



**Thanksgiving Good Neighbor Sunday**

**Please join us for a Dine In or Drive-Thru Dinner on  
Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 11:00AM**



**Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm at St. Matthew**

**St. Matthew of Sandy Hill has asked us to join with them and help do a drive for supplies to send to the NALC Disaster Response warehouse.**

**Donation Items Needed:**

- paper towels**
- leather gloves**
- 3 mil contractor trash bags**

**These items are needed to complete flood buckets.**



**\$25 gift cards to Lowe's, Home Depot, and Walmart are always needed.**