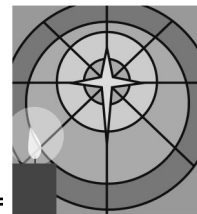


St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

November 28, 2021

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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, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,
**in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that
your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of
self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your
children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of
your saving grace. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
☩ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal prom-
ise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.
Amen.

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH** *Light One Candle (v1)*

ELW #240

***GATHERING HYMN**

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW #438

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, **Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the
threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONAlleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go****GOSPEL****Luke 21:25-36**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” The Word of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON**Pastor Kris Brower****HYMN OF THE DAY***Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v 1, 3, 4, 5)***ELW #886*****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 HYMN *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (twice)* **ELW #184**

***OFFERTORY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **ELW #885**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **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.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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**

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v 1-4)

ELW #632

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

Thursday, December 2nd

10:00AM Naomi Circle

Saturday, December 4th

10:30AM Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Next Sunday, December 5th Advent 2

7:45AM Worship Service

9:00AM Sunday School

Activity Center Reserved



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: Kenley Hernandez, Donna De Leon, Reece Knebel, Robert Spinn, Janice Fairlie, Darren Huckert, Mia Davis, Don Holtkamp, Brandy Moehlmann, Timothy Herrmann, Linda Schulze, Jaden Mertz, Lori Avalos

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Larry & Linda Pieper, Emery & Helen Schulze, Michael & Cereann Cheney

Friends & Family:

Alyssa & Ezlyn Jones
 Blake Bates
 Carol Lieber
 Christy Dallmeyer
 Corrie Newland
 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!



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
 Larry & Linda Pieper in honor of their anniversary!



Deadline for Poinsettia Orders is December 5th

**Bethlehem in Independence
Live Nativity Scene**

December 11 & 12, 2021

6-8pm

Independence School House

9325 FM 390 E

Brenham, Texas 77833



**2022 Offering Envelopes are available
in the Narthex!**

Please note that if you did not pick up your envelopes in previous years they will not be out. We understand that many of you give online. Kindly send an email to prairiehillsecretary@gmail.com if you need help. Thank you!

The 2022 Flower Chart has been posted in the Annex.
Please sign up for your altar flowers for next year!

**Altar
Flowers
SIGN-UP**



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