St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill January 9, 2022 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, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In 🕂 Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN	Bright and Glorious is the Sky (v 1-3, 6)	ELW #301
*Kyrie		ELW pg 147-148
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Glory to God in the Highest	ELW pg 148

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

- worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
- And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Psalm 29

Isaiah 43:1-7

SECOND READING

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go

*GOSPEL

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The Word of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized in Water

ELW #456

Pastor George Rahn

*THE APOSTLES CREED I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Romans 6:3-11

Luke 3:15-22

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: God of grace, hear our prayer.

*PEACE

OFFERING HYMN	Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (twice)	ELW #184
*OFFERTORY	Create in Me a Clean Heart	ELW #186

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **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

ELW pg 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.	

LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg 154

HYMN DURING COMMUNION	Let Us Break Bread Together	ELW #471
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***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**

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN	Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing	ELW #545
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*DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. Thanks be to God.



Our Church Family:

Mavis Smith	Janice Cordova	Sydney Wagner	Florence Bentke
Ella Ruemke	Gilbert Spinn	Helen Gaskamp	Cynthia Wilson
Verna Mae Sefcik	Clarence Moehlmann	Linda King	Jerry Randermann
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Marjorie Hohlt	Mary Longhofer	Tom Bentke	Mark Marburger
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Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Kory Moehlmann, Justin Reuter, Trenton Kuecker, Wyatt Davis, Oliver Schramme

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Lance & Shannon Altman, Brian & Pam Knebel

Friends & Family:

Alyssa & Ezlyn Jones Blake Bates Carol Lieber Christy Dallmeyer Corrie Newland John Tuefel Missy Goldmith Shannon Wellmann Sue Maass 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

Email: prairiehillsecretary@gmail.com Church Office Phone: 979-836-8666 Office hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00am-4:00pm Website: www.stjohnprairiehill.org Church Council President Kenneth Seeker (512) 801-8663 <u>Monday, January 10th</u> 6:00PM Council Meeting

<u>Tuesday, January 11th</u> 6:30-8:00AM Food Pantry 9:30AM Pastor's Bible Class

<u>Thursday, January 13th</u> 2:00PM Ladies Aid

Next Sunday, January 16th Epiphany 2 8:00AM Worship Service 9:00AM Sunday School 10:05AM Worship Service

Hymn Sing All Welcome

Saturday, January 22, 2022 2:00PM

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Join us to sing or listen to a selection of fauorite old hymns played by the church's organist Justin Dana.

Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex!





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





