St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 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 Take My Life, That I May Be (v 1, 3, 6) ELW #685

*Kyrie ELW pg 147-148

*HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God in the Highest ELW pg 148

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-19

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy," ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." ¹¹The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree." ¹²Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it." ¹³The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, tilted away from the north." ¹⁴Then the LORD said to me: Out of the north disaster shall break out on all the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁵For now I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, says the LORD; and they shall come and all of them shall set their thrones at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its surrounding walls and against all the cities of Judah. ¹⁶And I will utter my judgments against them, for all their wickedness in forsaking me; they have made offerings to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands. ¹⁷But you, gird up your loins; stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Do not break down before them, or I will break you before them. ¹⁸And I for my part have made you today a fortified city, an iron pillar, and a bronze wall, against the whole land — against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land. ¹⁹They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the LORD, to deliver you. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 71:1-6

¹In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

⁵For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

1 Corinthians 12:31--13:13

SECOND READING

³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; 10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go

*GOSPEL

Luke 4:31-44

³¹He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbath. ³²They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. ³³In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God. ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. ³⁶They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, "What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!" ³⁷And a report about him began to reach every place in the region. ³⁸After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. ³⁹Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. ⁴⁰As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. ⁴¹Demons also came out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah. ⁴²At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving

them. ⁴³But he said to them, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea. The Word of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor George Rahn

HYMN OF THE DAY

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW #773

*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:

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

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW #491

*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, \oplus bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW #781

*DISMISSAL

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



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Butch Seeker in loving memory of LaNell's birthday.



Our Church Family:

Mavis Smith Janice Cordova Sydney Wagner Florence Bentke Gilbert Spinn Helen Gaskamp Ella Ruemke Cynthia Wilson Verna Mae Sefcik Linda King Jerry Randermann Clarence Moehlmann Mary Ann Luce Connie Seward Justin Reuter **Dorothy Wiesepape** Marjorie Hohlt Mary Longhofer Tom Bentke Mark Marburger A.G. "Doc" & Allene Holtkamp Charles "Dutch" Schulze Peggy & Milton Bosse

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Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Brandon & Kaley Bednar, Ben & Carolyn Kessel, Kim & Bruce Weilbacher

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Alyssa & Ezlyn Jones
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Corrie Newland
John Tuefel
Missy Goldmith
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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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Tuesday, February 1st 8:30AM Pastor's Bible Class

Mpcoming. EVENTS:

Thursday, February 3rd
10:00AM Naomi Circle

Next Sunday, February 6th Epiphany 5

First Communion Sunday

8:00AM Worship Service

9:00AM Sunday School

10:05AM Worship Service

2-4:00PM Painting with Devotion in the Activity Center



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY, January 30th at 9:15AM

Join Terry Boeker in **Painting with Devotion**, **Sunday, February 6, from 2:00 - 4:00pm** at the Activity Center. No skills necessary & you will have the best time painting & a finished masterpiece when we're done!





Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex!

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

