

Elstad/Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish

Pentecost 19

October 11.2020

*You may leave your offering in the plates located at the entrance of the church.

Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and
the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot
free ourselves. We have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake
of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we
may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for
us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a
called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the
entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the
Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for cure and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing, “Holy, holy, holy,” to the great God triune.

On you, at earth’s creation, the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav’n;
and thus on you, most glorious, a threefold light was giv’n.

Today on weary nations the heav’nly manna falls;
to holy convocation the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us
pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray
to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

First Lesson Isaiah 25.1-9

Psalm 23

Second Lesson Philippians 4.1-9

Gospel Acclamation (spoken by all)

“Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!”

Gospel Matthew 22.1-14

Sermon

Hymn of the Day “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
and fount of life, the light of all:
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

We taste you, ever-living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead;
our thirsting souls from you we fill.

For you our restless spirits yearn,
where'er our changing lost is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn,
blest, when by faith we hold your fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

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 the Church

Peace

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed.....and so with the church on earth and the hosts of
heaven, we praise your name and join their
unending hymn.

Sanctus

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

**P: You are indeed.....For as often as we eat of this bread and drink
from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,....To you..
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.**

C: Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. Lamb
of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant
us peace.**

Distribution Hymn

"Now We Join in Celebration"

Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness

Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

Post-Communion Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Beautiful Savior”
Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God, and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Announcements

Please consider a gift to the ELCA Disaster Fund as the people whose lives have been ravaged by fire, wind, and flood waters continue to need help to recover from the devastation. Make your check out to your congregation and write "ELCA Disaster Fund" on the Memo line.

The short fall bible study series will continue on Thursday, October 22nd, 10:00 a.m., at Elstad. Our second text will be Exodus 3. Each session is a "one and done" study. No long-term commitments. Please let Pr. Luther know if you plan to participate.

There is **NO** 7th and 8th grade confirmation class this Wednesday, October 14th due to MEA break for area schools. We will resume class on Wednesday, October 21st, 6:30 p.m., at Highland Prairie Church's fellowship hall. We will be observing Covid19 precautions.

1st Communion instruction will take place at Highland Prairie, Saturday, October 24th and 31st, 10:00 a.m., for all youth whose parents desire their child(ren) receive it. All youth who began instruction prior to the onset of Covid19 are encouraged to attend for review. Participants who complete instruction will receive their 1st Communion on Sunday, November 1st. Please inform Pr. Luther if you desire your child(ren) to participate.

All Saints' Sunday is November 1st. We will be remembering the saints, martyrs, and our departed loved ones. If you would like the loved one/loved ones remembered in during the liturgy, please submits the name(s) on a piece of paper and place it in the basket at the entrance of the sanctuary.

Pr. Mathsen is taking Monday through Thursday as vacation days this week. He will be busy doing outdoor chores around the parsonage. Pr. Elliot Malm, Mabel Lutheran Church's pastor, will be on-call for pastoral emergencies (651-894-3272).