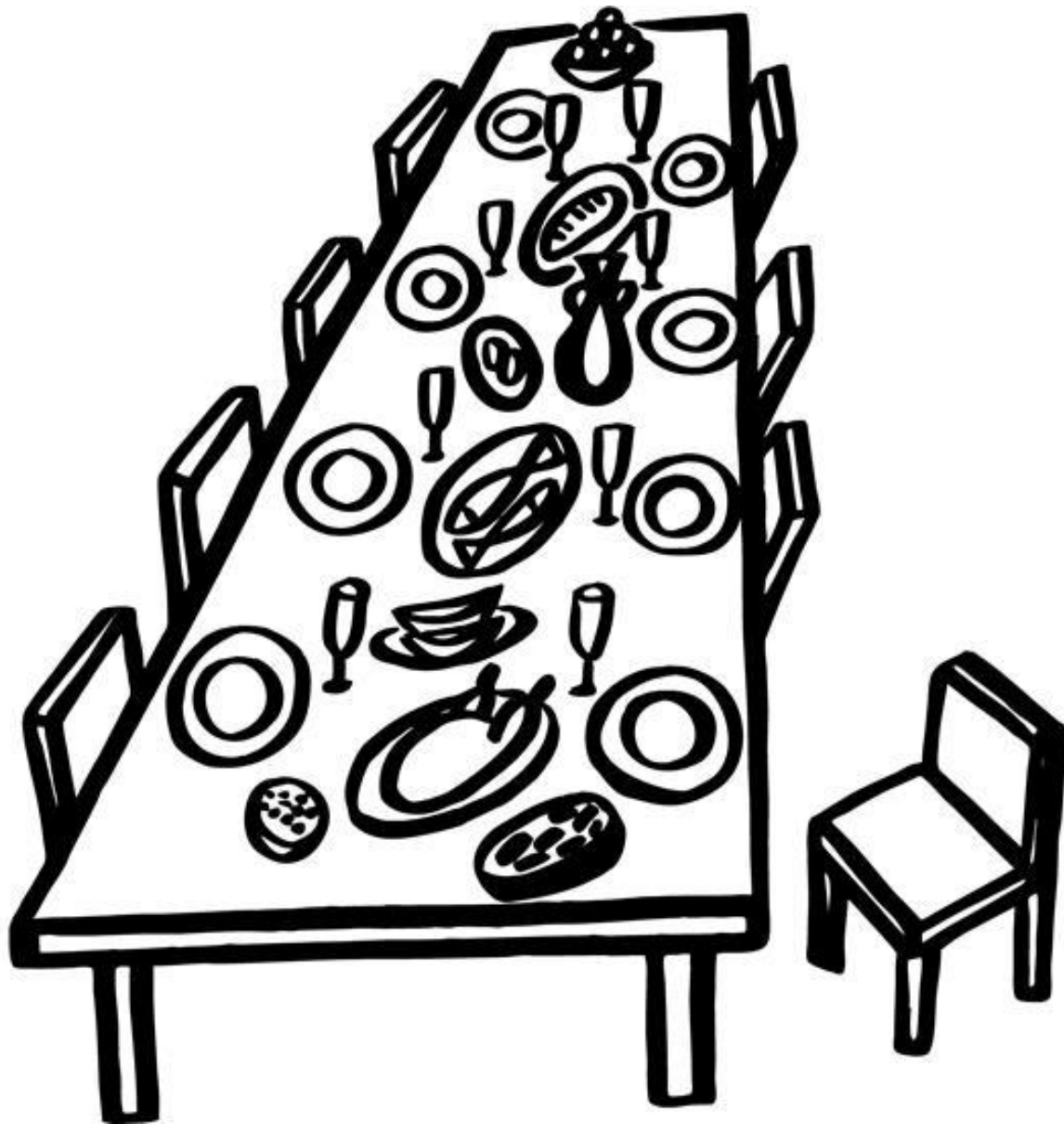


12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 9:30AM



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

*As a community called by Christ,
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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Prelude Announcements Welcome

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

Confession and Forgiveness

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

. . .you are a new creation.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"God Is Here!"

#526

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.

Canticle of Praise

"You Are Holy" (sing 2 x's)

#525

Prayer

. . . our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7a

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Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Ray Vance

Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Response to Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Sermon

Marie Leafblad

Silence for Meditation

Please stand as you are able

Message Response

"As We Gather at Your Table"

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**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**

Invitation to Prayer

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

#752

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Prayers of Intercession

. . . our wisdom and companion.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Offerings Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thanks you for your financial support of our ministry.

Presentation of Gifts

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

#691

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought, but only as we're able.

The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares, we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

Thanksgiving for the Word

...be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Bell Toll

Sending Hymn

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

#537

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

John & Diane Rindfleisch — Ushers/greeters
Ray Vance—Special Music
Robin Hoefer — Pianist
Craig Knutson – Reader
Marie Leafblad – Presider

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old, Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

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ABBOT'S LEIGH
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You Are Holy

Du är helig

GATHERING

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1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1948

Music: Per Harling

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DU ÄR HELIG
PM

As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

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IN BABILONE

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752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943
 Music: Ken Medema
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CHILDREN PRAYING
 98 99

#691 Accept, O Lord the Gift we Bring

1 Ac-cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up-on your ta-ble.
 2 The vines were plant-ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be-fore you.

We do not wor-ship as we ought but on-ly as we're a-ble.
 What once was com-mon, dail-y food be-comes a ho-ly trea-sure.
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a-dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
 Music: English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925
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BARBARA ALLEN
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On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
 un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
 un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
 on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
 hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Announcements for August 31, 2025

Welcome! We are happy to have you worship with us today!

- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Activity Bags for young children** to use during worship are available in the narthex.
- **Visitors: Sign the Visitor's Book** and pick up a visitor's bag located on the table in the Connecting Room.
- **Contribute to Worship/Fellowship** by signing up to be a Reader, Livestream or host Fellowship.

Keep in prayer: June Bates, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill Clark), Bob Dotson (Julie Peterson's uncle), Dean Erickson, Barb Grenawalt, Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane Tracy), the family of Ivy Reinholtzen, Lynn Tracy, and Mary Jane Tracy. **Please contact the office with any changes in requests.**

Emergency Pastoral Care: will now be provided by Pastor JoAnna from Faith Lutheran in So Beloit. She will be "on-call" for emergencies (815)298-9951 or email: PastorJoAnna@me.com

Worship Music-Do you want to contribute to worship in a musical capacity? JP has both vocal and handbell choirs! See Steve Mienteale (vocal) or Robin Hoefer (handbells) with questions or just show up at practice starting in September, Vocal (Before Worship) and Handbells (Monday Night at 7pm)

Altar Flowers: Thank you, Maureen Shull, for providing the flowers. The cost is \$25. Sign up on the chart in the narthex and pay Linda Tolson directly (check or cash) and she will get the flowers.

God's Work Our Hands: September 7, 2025 - Immediately after worship, we'll head downstairs to work together, as a congregation, to complete projects that meet the needs of our local and global neighbors. Work will stop at 12PM so we can enjoy lunch together. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us - this is a great opportunity to share with people what is important at Jefferson Prairie!

Sunday School: We kick off the Sunday School year on Sunday, September 14th. This year there will be preschool-1st grade, 2nd-5th and 6th and older Youth classes. Sarah Williams, Ginny Erickson and Carrier Morelock will lead the groups and would appreciate a couple of adults willing to substitute on occasion. Sign-up on Sunday, September 14th. Grandkids, friends, nieces, nephews or neighbors. ALL ARE WELCOME. Here every week or just visiting? ALL ARE WELCOME. Quiet, Shy, Friendly, Energized. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Prairie Light Newsletter: Will be available NEXT WEEK with information from Council Meetings and Special Meeting. This Week's Birthdays 9/3 Kelsey Kueter, Taylor Paschke 9/4 Linda Tolson 9/5 Edna Torkilson 9/6 Susan Dibble Anniversaries 9/5 Trevor & Lindsey Olson 9/6 Tim & Kris Hall

Coat Donation: Bring kids' coats to church! Put them in the bin in the Sunday School room. We'll store everything then deliver the collections to the charities that get coats directly to people in need of them next fall/winter.

Veteran Grave Wreaths: Wreaths Across America is coming to JP on December 13th. We will honor the Veteran's in both cemeteries with balsam wreaths. You can "sponsor" a specific grave by signing up in the Connecting Room OR give a non-specified donation. Visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org to learn about the program. See John Clint or the Office with questions.

Sharing Your Offering: Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Give online** at www.jplchurch.org. Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.
- **Use the Tithe.ly App.** Click on GIVE on our website www.jplchurch.org, download the Tithe.ly App at the bottom of the screen. Once installed, search for Jefferson Prairie and start giving using the App.
- **Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Online worship available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and www.jplchurch.org homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

NOTE: This worship service is being livestreamed.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 31	9:30am	Worship, Special Congregation Meeting, Fellowship
Tuesday, August 26	9:00am	Quilting
Sunday, September 7	9:30am	Worship
		God's Work Our Hands Projects
	12:00pm	Lunch-pulled pork, sides and dessert