

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing the Peace

The Offering

*The Offertory *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"* p. 86

*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerable to count.

Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us:

our time, our resources, and our possessions. May we boldly trust

that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in

our lives. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving p. 88

"Holy, Holy, Holy" p. 89

*The Lord's Prayer **Grey Book #440**

Communion

"Lamb of God" p. 92

Distribution

"Thank the Lord" p. 92

Prayer after Communion

P: Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting life.

C: Amen.

*The Blessing

P: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves have been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN *"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"* #147

Go in peace and serve the Risen Christ.

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gene & Jodi Fjeld

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave Leland, Iowa



Second Sunday in Easter

April 16, 2023

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion given April 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude

Enter joyously to worship the Lord

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He has risen indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN *"I Know My Redeemer Lives!"* #352

*Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord!
As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him and confess the ways in which we have failed to follow His will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination.)

P: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your loving kindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.

P: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C: Amen.

*Greeting

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together; be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie p. 78

*Hymn of Praise *"This is the feast"* p. 81

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

Living God, you are our life, our hope, our strength. Grant that we who have not seen may have the faith to trust in you through all things, that we might receive the peace of Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 5:29-42

PSALMS Psalm 148

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 84

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

*HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

Children's Message

Sermon Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY *"He Lives"* Grey Book #299

*Confession of Faith *Nicene Creed* p. 85

*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The first lesson is from the 5th Chapter of Acts

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." ³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. ³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." ⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 148 (responsively)

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

² **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,

⁶ **And he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ **Lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

⁹ You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ **Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² **Young men and women, old men and children.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ **And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.**

Amen



The second lesson is found in the 1st Chapter of 1 Peter

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Thanks be to God.



*~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.
~ Please call or email with your request.*

April / May Volunteers

Fellowship: April 23 —Jodi and Gene Fjeld
April 30 — Cindy and Bob Sarver
May 7 —

Lector: Julie Reimann

Usher(s): Jan Reimann

Altar Flowers:

Communion Prep & Clean-up: Julie Riemann

Happy Birthday: Daniel Nath (4/16), Luke Johnson (4/17)

Please note: Pastor Tony and Nancy will be gone April 20th thru May 2nd.

Covering for Pr. Tony:

4/20- 4/26: Pr. Eric Hulstrom (507) 841-1765 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, BC (641) 562-2552

4/26 - 5/2: Pr. Ryan Henckel (815) 842-7273 Emmons Lutheran Church (507) 297-5471pm.

Note: Bulletin Information can be sent to Cindy by email: csarver52@gmail.com or phone-319-931-3570. Entry deadline, Wednesdays at 5:00

The West Prairie Church Council met Wednesday March 16, 2023. Attending the meeting were Julie Reimann, Jan Reimann, Jodi Fjeld, Cindy Sarver, Terry Durby, Lisa Durby, and Caroll Carson. Pastor Tony did not attend due to illness.

Julie called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the agenda, as amended to include discussion of the TV and AED, was made by Terry and seconded by Jan. There was no pastor's report.

The secretary's report was read. Jodi made a motion to approve the report with the correction to remove Ceara's name from the list of those who did not attend. A second was made by Jan. Motion approved.

Caroll presented the Treasure's Report. Income for February was \$6,333.77 and expenses totaled \$4,102.47. There are 2 CDs maturing in April. Caroll will get the CD rates and report back at the April meeting. There is \$2,729.55 in the ramp fund. A motion to approve the report was made by Terry, seconded by Jodi and approved.

Old Business

- Lent project donation envelopes have been made. \$351.00 has been collected so far. Spring pickup date is May 20, 2023.
- WOW CD has been renewed and the paperwork has been filed with the other church CDs. Joan has gotten a debit card.

New Business

- Discussion was held concerning carpeting for the Sunday School classrooms. Caroll had a quote from

Christianson's Interior for \$1,400 for carpet in both rooms, with \$273 for installation. Terry made a motion to purchase carpet for \$1,150.00. Cindy seconded the motion, and it was approved.

- The Worship Committee gifts have arrived. The total cost was \$125.75.
- Discussion was held about what to display on the TV monitor. It was decided that the lessons will be added to the weekly display. An estimated cost for a permanent set up for the TV would be about \$750 for cables and TV brackets, and \$300 for another TV that would be used by the Pastor.
- Jodi gave an update that the AED should arrive in May or June.
- Parents will be asked if there is interest in having Vacation Bible School.
- Julie would like to bring back the mother/daughter banquet. She will head up the committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jan, seconded by Jodi and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting is Wednesday, April 12th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Durby, secretary

Announcements & Activities

West Prairie prayer list:

Jonie Bang, Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Dennis Kramer, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, LeAnn Peterson, Roger Peterson, our sister church in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Hope Lutheran, Everly, IA.

Please let me or Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have. We will gladly list them. Cindy at csarver52@gmail.com or 319-931-3570.

VFW Post 6161, Leland

Pancake Breakfast today 7am – 1pm Cost \$5



Thank you to all who extended a helping arm and helped me into church during the icy weather. Also, thank you for the lovely Easter Lily. Phyllis

Visitation and Memorial Service for Jim Mitthun will be at the First Baptist Church in Forest City Visitation: Friday, April 19th from 4–6 pm. Memorial Service: Saturday, April 20th at 10 am with lunch following.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed supplies and money to the **LWR School Kit Lenten project!** Donations being accepted until **May 1st**.

Substitute Sunday School Teacher needed. If you are interested in teaching God's Word to our youth, please contact Jodi for details.

Vacation Bible School

If you would like to help plan or participate in VBS, please attend a meeting on Wed., May 10th at 5:30 pm. Late arrivals are welcome.

This Week's Activities

Sun., Apr. 23, 2023	8:30 am	Worship leader: Lanette Branstad, Sermon: Bob Sarver fellowship following.
	9:45 am	Sunday school