

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
40041 150th Ave Leland, Iowa



Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 18, 2023

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

Communion offered the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in June

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

# West Prairie Lutheran Church

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## Third Sunday after Pentecost **June 18, 2023**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

- \*Confession & Forgiveness p. 77
- \*OPENING HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers" # 500
- \*Apostolic Greeting p. 78
- \*The Kyrie p. 78
- \*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God in the highest..." p. 79
- May the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**
- \*Prayer of the Day  
Let us pray.  
**Beckoning God, in the sacrament of baptism you have drawn us to yourself, anointed us as your own, calling us to be your pilgrim people. As Jesus sent the disciples, so may your Spirit send us to share the extravagant blessings of your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- FIRST READING **Exodus 19:2-8a**  
PSALMS **Psalm 100**  
SECOND READING **Romans 5:6-15**
- \*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83  
"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83
- \*HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 9:35-10:8**  
"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83
- PULPIT HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #439

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #481

\*Confession of Faith Apostles' 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.**

\*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Sharing the Peace.

The Offering

\*The Offertory "Create in me..." p. 75

\*Offertory Prayer p. 87

\*The Lord's Prayer p. 91

\*The Blessing p. 95

\*SENDING HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" #259

Go in peace, serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Postlude

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PIANIST: Nancy Scalisi  
LECTOR: Bristol Swanson

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~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.

~ Please call or email with your request.

## The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

**10** Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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### The first lesson is from the 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Exodus

<sup>2</sup> After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." <sup>7</sup> So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. <sup>8</sup> The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Let us pray Psalm 100 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**Amen**



**The second lesson is found in the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans**

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—<sup>13</sup> To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. <sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Blessed  
BY THE grace  
OF God

## Announcements & Activities

### **West Prairie prayer list:**

Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Nicholas Oppman, Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, Roger Peterson, Jacob Reupke, and our sister churches in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Zion Lutheran, Ruthven, 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.

### **A Faithful Father**

A father builds relationships that last throughout the years; he takes the time to listen and helps to calm our fears. A father keeps his faith in our Savior up above, and his children find a refuge in the home he fills with love. (Author Unknown)

*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.* Joshua 25:15

**Happy Father's Day** to all the wonderful men who have given so much to their families and communities.

### **Concert at the Courthouse in Forest City**

**Tonight** at 7:00 pm

Pastor Tony will be playing with the Forest City Community Band.  
Come and enjoy the music!

### **Interested in participating in a parade?**

West Prairie Church would like you to join in.  
Puckerbrush Parade in Forest City, Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Thompson Parade, Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Talk to Julie if interested**

Theme for parade float is still undecided.

The Church Council will be forming a

### **Discipleship Committee.**

If you are interested in spreading the Word,  
and would like to share your time and talents,  
please contact Julie or Pastor Tony.

People interested in joining West Prairie,  
please contact Pastor Tony about new member orientation.

### **This Week's Activities**

Sun., June 25, 2023  
8:30 am Worship with Communion,  
fellowship following.  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School

### **June / July Volunteers**

Fellowship: June 25 – Janet and John Haugen  
(4<sup>th</sup> Weekend) July 2 –  
July 9 –  
July 16 –

Lector: *June:* Bristol Swanson; *July:* Nancy Scalisi

Ushers:

Altar Flowers: *June:* Jodi Fjeld; *July:* Judy Norstrud

Communion Prep & Clean-up:

**Happy Birthday:** Crystal Nelson (6/22), Rita Schutter (6/22), Robert Nath (6/24)

**Wedding Anniversary:** Caroll and Janell Carson (6/18)

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

### **Congregational Meeting Minutes**

A congregational meeting was held Sunday May 28, 2023, concerning the use and purchase of monitors in the sanctuary. Julie Reimann called the meeting to order. Terry Durby presented the monitor project reviewing the items needed and the cost.

\$935 for:

- 58" Smart TV and mount
- 55" Smart TV and mount for the back of the church
- Cat5 cable/connectors
- Presentation clicker, miscellaneous electrical

Discussion was held about the use, and the question was asked about having a bulletin for the church records. It was stated that a printed bulletin would be available for the church records. Terry made a motion to put the use and purchase of monitors and associated equipment with a budget not to exceed \$935, to a yes or no vote. Wendell seconded the motion, and it was approved. Paper ballots were cast and counted by Julie, 13 yes, 1 no. Wendell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jan seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Durby, council secretary

## Church Council Minutes, May 2023

The West Prairie Church Council met Wednesday May 10, 2023. Council members attending the meeting included President Julie Reimann, Jan Reimann, Cindy Sarver, Terry Durby, Jodi Fjeld and Lisa Durby. Pastor Tony and Caroll Carson also attended the meeting. Julie called the meeting to order and asked for additions or changes to the agenda. Two items were added, discipleship and the mother/daughter banquet. Cindy made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments, and Jodi seconded the motion. Approved.

Pastor Tony led devotions based on Matthew Chapter 16 verses 18-19. He shared his report for April and noted that Al Goranson's Memorial service will be at 1:00 on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Secretary's report was read. A motion to approve the report was made by Cindy, seconded by Jan, and approved.

Caroll presented the Treasurer's report. The beginning checking balance was \$48,767.48. April income was \$28,682.50, which included two CDs that were cashed in. Expenses were \$28,461.43, leaving a check balance of \$48,988.55. The two CDs were reinvested with Edward Jones at 4.85%. The ramp fund is currently sitting at \$8,608.91. Terry made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Jodi seconded the motion, and it was approved.

### Old Business

- 51 school kits are ready to be delivered on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Additional kits could be made before the Fall deadline.
- A Sunday school room flooring update was discussed. It was decided to purchase one piece of carpet, cut to fit the room. The carpet was not on hand in Lake Mills. Jodi would like the exact measurements and will look for options.
- Nancy volunteered for the substitute teaching position for next year.
- TV monitor congregational meeting notification has been posted. Cindy gave a preview of what a church service would look like on the monitor to the council members. It was decided to try the monitor without a bulletin so congregation members could experience using the monitors before the May 28 meeting.

- No one attended the VBS meeting. It was decided to contact Zion to see if they would be able to do a VBS program with us.
- Reminder that the chairs and tables will be used for the Branstad graduation parties.
- Discussion was held concerning the ramp project. A suggestion was made to put in a tile from the downspout by the old entrance into the tile line that is located on the south side of the landing. This would prevent water from running onto the sidewalk and freezing in the winter.
- Caroll gave an update on the Hanson Foundation Grant. Churches are not usually funded, but it is worth applying. Terry and Caroll will work together on the application, including the addition of running the tile, and submit it by the June 1 deadline.

### New Business

- Pastor Tony mentioned the 50 Day Challenge and is planning to start another new member program.
- A Mother/Daughter Banquet, or Tea, has been scheduled for Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 p.m. Quilting could be a theme.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Terry, seconded by Jodi, and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting will be held June 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Durby, council secretary