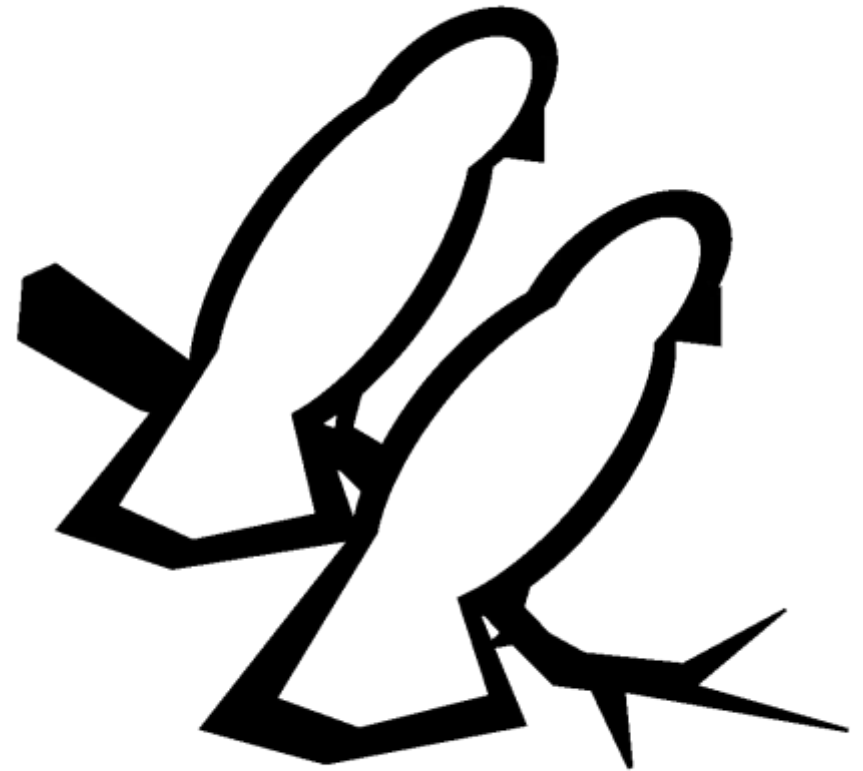


**WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
40041 150th Ave Leland, Iowa



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 25, 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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## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 25, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\*Stand as you are able)

Prelude

Enter joyously to worship the Lord

- \*Confession & Forgiveness p. 77
- \*OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" #229
- \*Apostolic Greeting p. 78
- \*The Kyrie p. 78
- \*Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" p. 81

\*Prayer of the Day  
Let us pray.

**Almighty God, in Holy Baptism we have been buried with Christ so that we may walk in newness of life. Marked with the cross of Christ forever, grant us the faith to live a life of steadfast obedience to your will especially in the face of opposition and trials; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

PSALMS **Psalm 91:1-10**

SECOND READING **Romans 6:12-23**

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

\*HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 10:5a; 21-33**  
"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

Children's Message

Sermon Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #370

\*Confession of Faith Nicene Creed p. 84

\*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 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" p. 86

\*Offertory Prayer p. 87

\*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. 94

\*The Blessing p. 95

\*SENDING HYMN "If You (But) Trust in God to Guide You" #453

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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PIANIST Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR: Bristol Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gene & Jodi Fjeld

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~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests ~

~Please call or e-mail with your request~

## The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<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>21</sup> "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup> You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. <sup>24</sup> "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! <sup>26</sup> "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

### The first lesson is from the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Jeremiah

<sup>7</sup> You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. <sup>9</sup> But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I

cannot. <sup>10</sup> I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Let us pray Psalm 91 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> **I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

<sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> **He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**

<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup> **Nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.**

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup> **You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup> If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,

<sup>10</sup> **No harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.**

**Amen**



**The second lesson is found in the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Announcements & Activities

### Prayer list:

Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Nicholas Oppman, Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, Roger Peterson, Arlene Preston, Jacob Reupke, and our sister churches in the LCMC, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Harbor of Joy, Milford, 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](mailto:csarver52@gmail.com) or 319-931-3570.

### Interested in participating in a parade?

West Prairie Church would like you to join in.  
Puckerbrush Days 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.

### *Interested in joining West Prairie?*

please contact Pastor Tony about new member orientation.

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### This Week's Activities

Sun., July 2, 2023	8:30 am	Worship with Communion, fellowship following
	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School

### July Volunteers

**Fellowship:** July 2 — Cindy Sarver  
July 9 —  
July 16 — Lisa and Terry Durby  
July 23 — Janet and John Haugen

**Lector:** Nancy Scalisi

**Usher(s):**

**Altar Flowers:** Judy Norstrud

**Communion Prep & Clean-up:**

**Happy Birthday:** Jeff Holland (6/29)

**Wedding Anniversary:** Bill and Rita Schutter (6/25)

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