

## Announcements & Activities

### West Prairie prayer list:

Phyllis Disque, 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 Redeemer Ev. Lutheran, Des Moines, 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.



### This Week's Activities

- Wed., Aug. 2, 2023 7:00 pm Naomi Circle, Lisa Durby hosting at her home.
- Sun., Aug. 6, 2023 8:30 am Worship with Communion, fellowship following.
- 9:45 am Adult Sunday School

### August Volunteers

- Fellowship:** Aug. 6 — Julie and Jan Reimann  
Aug. 13 — Cindy and Bob Sarver  
Aug. 20 —  
Aug. 27 —

**Lector:** Sandy Snider

**Usher(s):**

**Flowers:** Jodi Fjeld

**Communion Prep and Clean-up:**

**Wedding Anniversary:** Oly and Veronica Maas (7/31),  
Jordan and Joran Colby (8/2)

## WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



## Healing Service

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 30, 2023

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

Communion given the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in July

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

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**Healing Service**

**July 30, 2023**

**The Service of the Word for Healing**

Jesus Christ is the Almighty Healer and has mercy for all that are burdened in body, mind or spirit. We call upon our Lord and Savior to be present with us today and comfort all with His loving hands.

*\*Please stand as able.*

P: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness.

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\*OPENING HYMN *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* #526

Opening Dialog:

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

P: They cried to the Lord in their trouble,

**C: And he delivered them from their distress.**

P: He sent forth his Word and healed them,

**C: And saved them from the grave.**

P: The Lord is righteous in all his ways,

**C: And loving in all his works.**

P: The Lord upholds all who fall;

**C: He lifts up those who are bowed down.**

P: The Lord sustains them on their sickbed.

**C: And ministers to them in their illness.**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song,

**C: And he has become my salvation.**

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P: Let us pray. Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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**

Blessing:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

**Grey Book #51**

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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PIANIST:

Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR:

*~Pastor will be available for visitations and prayer requests~*

*~ Please call or email with your request~*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us. Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

HYMN            *“There is a Balm in Gilead”*            **Grey Book #48**

Laying of Hands and Anointing

*Those who wish to receive laying of hands and anointing may come to the altar one at a time, waiting in the aisles until the person ahead is anointed. As you step forward, give your first name to the minister so that it may be included in prayer.*

*You may sit or stand for the anointing.*

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, \_\_\_\_\_; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver him/her from the power of evil; and preserve him/her in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.

R: Amen

*After all have returned to their places, the people stand for the closing rite.*

\*Closing Rite:

P: The Almighty Lord—a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you known and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

P: The Lord be with you,

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**Almighty God, through your Son’s death and resurrection you draw all creation into your eternal reign. Grant us the grace to recognize the signs of your reign that surround us every day and the faith to proclaim your coming kingdom to those who have yet to experience your mercy and grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*\*The people are seated.*

FIRST LESSON

**Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

PALMS

**Psalm 125**

SECOND LESSON

**Romans 8:28-39**

Gospel Acclamation            *“Alleluia”*

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*“Glory to you, O Lord”*

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HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 13:44-52**

*“Praise to you, O Christ”*

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Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony

HYMN OF THE DAY    *“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”*    **Grey Book #427**

Bidding Prayers:

P: Let us pray for all who suffer.

**C: Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in him strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Let us pray for recovery from sickness.

**C: O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Let us pray for those in affliction.

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, give comfort to the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Let us pray for those who minister in healing.

**C: Almighty God, source of human knowledge and skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that, by their ministries, the health of all people may be promoted, and your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends.

**C: Loving God, our creator and redeemer: Give strength and gentleness, patience and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their hope be in you, and by their ministry of love let your love be known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Let us pray for those who desire our prayers.

**C: Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your strong arms around them. Touch them with your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in you and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Let us pray for those making decisions.

**C: O Lord our God, send your Holy Spirit to guide us, that we may make our decisions with love, mercy, and reverence for your gift of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us salvation.

**C: Blessed be God.**

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses.

**C: Blessed be God.**

P: Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power.

**C: Blessed be God.**

P: Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants who are gathered here with your presence; drive away their sickness of body and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve you now and evermore.

**C: Amen**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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\*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed p. 85

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C: And also, with you.**

P: Let us share God's peace.

OFFERING

*\*Please stand*

THE OFFERTORY “Create in me” p. 75

## **The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter**

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. <sup>52</sup> He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## **Healing Service**

**July 30, 2023**

### **The first lesson is from the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Deuteronomy**

<sup>6</sup> For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. <sup>7</sup> The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup> But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors, that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Let us pray Psalm 125 (responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

<sup>4</sup> **LORD, do good to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.**

<sup>5</sup> But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers. Peace be on Israel.

**Amen**

## **The second lesson is found in the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**