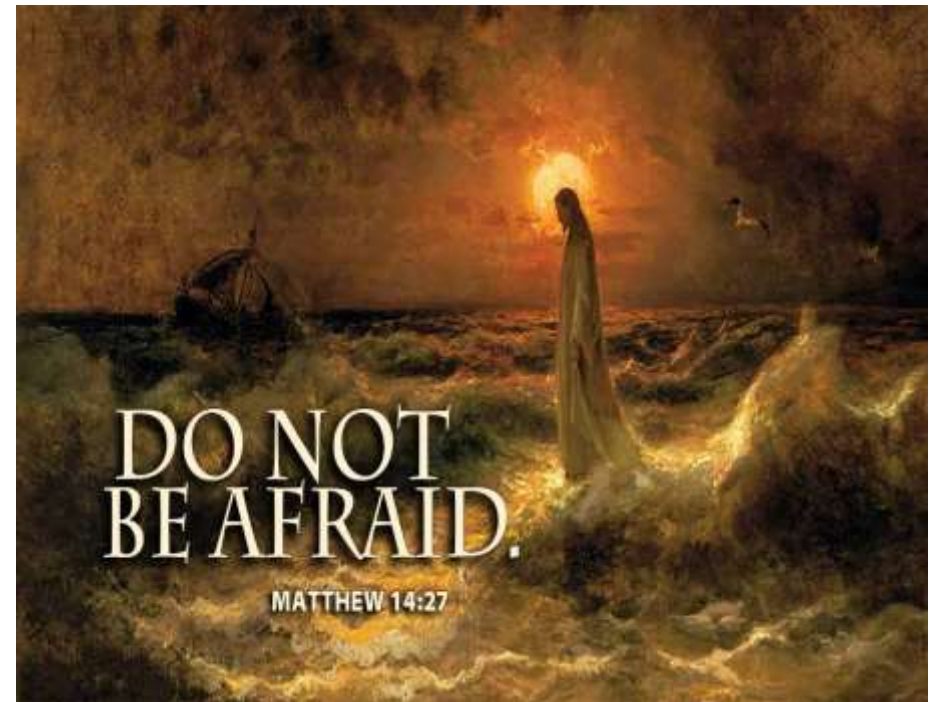


WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH
40041 150th Ave Leland, Iowa



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023

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

Communion offered
the 1st and 4th Sundays in August

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

West Prairie Lutheran Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*(*Stand as you are able)*

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord
Welcome and Announcements

- *Confession & Forgiveness p. 77
- *OPENING HYMN *"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"* #334
- *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.

Almighty God, in the midst of the storms of life, Christ's presence brings eternal peace and calms our fears. Grant us peace through scripture, and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Then send us forth to be signs of Christ's peace in the world; 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 **Job 38:4-18**
- PSALMS **Psalms 18:1-6**
- SECOND READING **Romans 10:5-17**

- *Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 83
- "Glory to you, O Lord"* p. 83
- *HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 14:22-33**
- "Praise to you, O Christ"* p. 83

PULPIT HYMN *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"* #293

Children's Message
Sermon Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"* #333

*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 *"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"* #487

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Postlude

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PIANIST: Nancy Scalisi
LECTOR: Sandy Snider

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

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 14th Chapter.

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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The first lesson is from the 38th Chapter of Job

⁴ "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁸ "Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹ when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹ when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt?' ¹² "Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place, ¹³ that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it? ¹⁴ The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment. ¹⁵ The wicked are denied their light, and their upraised arm is broken. ¹⁶ "Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷ Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness? ¹⁸ Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Let us pray Psalm 18

(Of David the servant of the LORD. He sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:...)

(read responsively)

¹ I love you, LORD, my strength.

² **The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

³ I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.

⁴ **The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.**

⁵ The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.

⁶ **In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.**

Amen



The second lesson is found in the 10th Chapter of Romans

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" ¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



New Business

- The Isaacson family, relatives of church founding members, contacted the church in search of family information. The family would like to attend a church service on October 15th or the 22nd.
- A discussion was held concerning changing the church service start time.
Terry made a motion to **change the church service time to 9:00 a.m., with Sunday school starting at 10:30 a.m., beginning September 10, 2023.** The motion was seconded by Cindy and approved.
- **Membership:** Dave and Sandy Snider will be welcomed as new members on July 30th, 2023. Pastor Tony also mentioned that a baptism is being planned.
- The New Life Lutheran Church in New London, North Carolina contacted West Prairie by letter asking for prayer requests, as they will be praying for West Prairie.
- West Prairie Church will be hosting the Pastor's meeting July 27th from 2-5 p.m.
- The Worship and Music committee has planned an All-Saints service and a Thanksgiving Eve service.
- LCMC retreat early registration is due August 15, 2023. The retreat is October 1st -4th, in St. Louis, MO. Pastor Tony will leave September 30th and return October 6th. Lanette and Bob will lead the October 1st service.
- Pastor Tony will be attending the Pastor's Retreat at the Mundelein Seminary, September 18 -21st.
- A discussion was held concerning the need for a parental permission slip for the use of minor's photos on social media.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jan, seconded by Terry, and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting will be Wednesday August 9, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Durby
Council Secretary

Announcements & Activities

West Prairie prayer list:

Jan Charlson, 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, Oasis Church, Marion, IA., and New Life Lutheran Church, New London, NC.

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.



Pastor Tony and Nancy

are hosting an

OPEN HOUSE

Sat., Aug. 19th from 1 pm – 6 pm
101 Westhaven Court, Forest City

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

is celebrating its **125th Anniversary**
on **Sunday, September 17th**

Service will be held at 10:30 A.M.

Followed by a **free will donation catered dinner**

If you are planning on attending,

call Rose Johnson at 641-567-3331 or
email the church at oswp@wctatel.net by 8/30.



Service Time Change

Begins Sunday, September 10th

Service will be at 9:00 am

Sunday School will be at 10:30 am

This Week's Activities

Sat., Aug. 19, 2023	1:00 pm	Open House at Pastor's & Nancy's home
Sun., Aug. 20, 2023	8:30 am	Worship, fellowship following.
	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Bible Study Club Meeting at: <i>Dave and Sandy Snider's home:</i> <i>3285 Ladd Ave., Forest City</i>

August Volunteers

Fellowship: Aug. 20 – Janet and John Haugen
Aug. 27 –
Sept. 3 – (Labor Day Weekend)

Lector: Sandy Snider

Ushers:

Altar Flowers: Jodi Fjeld

Communion Prep & Clean-up:

Baptismal Anniversary: Crystal Nelson (8/13), Jeff Holland (8/19)

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.

Church Council Minutes, July 2023

The West Prairie Church council met July 18, 2023. Council members attending included Julie Reimann, Jan Reimann, Jodi Fjeld, Terry Durby, Cindy Sarver, and Lisa Durby. Also attending were Pastor Tony and Caroll Carson.

President, Julie Reimann, called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the agenda with the additions of service time change, membership, New Life letter, and Pastor's meetings was made by Terry and seconded by Jodi. Motion approved.

Pastor Tony led devotions from Proverbs 17:17, then presented his June report.

The secretary's report was read by Lisa. Cindy made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jodi seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Caroll presented the treasurer's report. Income for the month was \$ 5,332.52 and the expenses were \$5,130.44. There is a balance of \$396.90 in the school kits fund. Discussion was held about looking at the need for school supplies in schools locally. Jan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Terry seconded the motion, motion carried.

Old Business

- The council looked at the carpet samples for the Sunday school rooms. A carpet was chosen from the Menards samples. A motion to purchase flooring, chosen by Jodi, for the Sunday school rooms was made by Cindy and seconded by Jodi. Motion approved.
- The Hanson Foundation declined our ramp grant application. No further action will be taken on the ramp at this time.
- Expenses for the Mother's Banquet were covered by the WOW group.
- Expenses for the float; two parades, decorations and treats totaled \$76.76.
Terry made a motion to reimburse the Reimanns for the expenses of the float. Cindy seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- Replacement trees are waiting to be planted.
- September 10th will be the Sunday school kickoff/picnic. Post cards will be sent to the students, a notice will be in the announcements and on the Facebook page.
- *Discipleship:* Lanette is helping with the collection of addresses of past congregational members for the purpose of establishing communications.
- Discussion about a donation to the church was tabled.