

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



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 20, 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 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 "Open the Eyes of My Heart" **INSERT**

\*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.

**Gracious God, you welcome all who cry out to you, and no one is beyond the reach of your mercy. Through our gathering around word and meal, strengthen us to be living signs of your healing and mercy so that all may know your glory and grace; 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 **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

PSALMS **Psalm 67**

SECOND READING **Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32**

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

\*HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 15:21-28**

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

PULPIT HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" **#530**

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY "God Whose Almighty Word" **#400**

\*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 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" **INSERT**

Go in peace, serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Postlude

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PIANIST: Nancy Scalisi  
LECTOR: Sandy Snider

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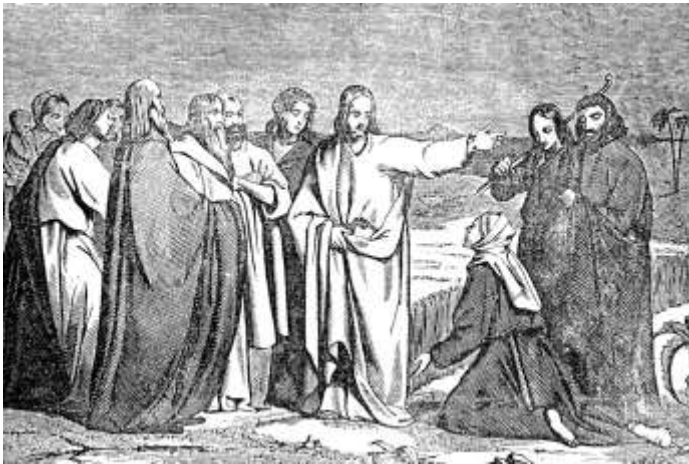
~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.

~ Please call or email with your request.

## The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." <sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." <sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. <sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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### The first lesson is from the 56<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Isaiah

**56** This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." <sup>8</sup> The Sovereign LORD declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Let us pray Psalm 67 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—

<sup>2</sup> **So that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup> May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

<sup>5</sup> May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> **The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.**

<sup>7</sup> May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**Amen**



**The second lesson is found in the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans**

**11** I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel:

<sup>13</sup> I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry <sup>14</sup> in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

<sup>28</sup> As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, <sup>29</sup> for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. <sup>32</sup> For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

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