

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH
40041 150th Ave Leland, Iowa



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 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

- *Confession & Forgiveness p. 77
- *OPENING HYMN "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" **INSERT**
- *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, your mercy endures forever, revealed through your Son's life, death, and resurrection. With faithful followers of all generations, make us boldly declare Jesus as Lord and proclaim his redeeming and reconciling work to all people; through 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 51:1-6

PSALMS

Psalms 138

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-12:8

- *Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83
"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83
- *HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 16:13-20**
"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #456 vs. 1-6

*Confession of Faith The 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 "Praise and Thanksgiving" #409

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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PIANIST Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR: Sandy Snider

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gene & Jodi Fjeld

~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 16th Chapter.

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



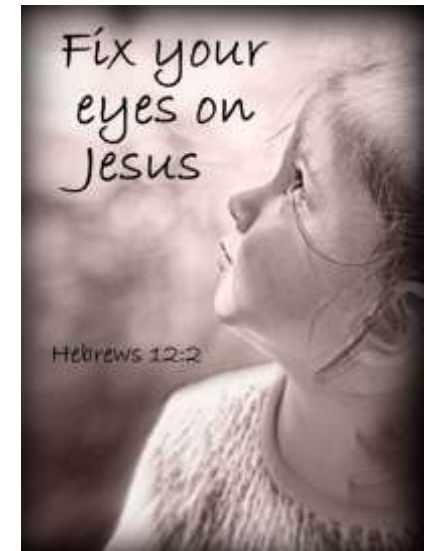
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The first lesson is from the 51st Chapter of Isaiah

51 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; ² look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. ³ The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving, and the sound of singing. ⁴ "Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Let us pray Psalm 138 (read responsively)

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

⁴ **May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.**

⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

⁶ **Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

⁸ **The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Amen



The second lesson is found in the 11th Chapter of Romans

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! ³⁴ “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Announcements & Activities

Prayer list:

Pr. Steve Bang, 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 Peace Lutheran Church, Sioux City, 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.

Welcome Home, Ryan!

Everyone at West Prairie is thrilled you are back home safe and sound.

Treasurer Position

We are seeking someone to fill the treasurer's position **beginning Oct. 1st**. If you are interested, please speak with Julie.

The congregation would like to **thank Caroll Carson** for his numerous years of taking care of this responsibility. He **and his wife, Janell**, have done a tremendous job.

Service Time Change

Begins Sunday, September 10th

Service will be at 9:00 am

Sunday School will be at 10:30 am



Sunday School Rally Day

Sunday, Sept. 10th

Join us for activities following service.

Sunday school class ages 4 & older.

Music for all ages.



Church Wide Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 10th

Serving maidrites!

Please bring a side dish to share.

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.**



Sion Fall Fellowship Dinner and Talent Show

Sunday, September 24 at 3:00 PM

Featuring Sherrie's famous

Blue Belle Inn Seasoned Pork and Parmesan Stuffed Pumpkins, salad, bars, and beverage

\$20, serving start time for pumpkins is 5 pm

Pumpkin dinners must be pre-ordered.

Message or call Sherrie Hansen at 515-538-0294 to

reserve your pumpkin. Pumpkins to go with advance notice.

Regular Menu: Sloppy Joes, salads, potato chips, pickles, bars, lemonade and coffee, **\$10 per person or \$30 max per family**

To go boxes available.

Sion's first ever **TALENT SHOW** featuring performances by talented locals and guest musicians. Free admission to talent show, but a **free will offering** will be collected to raise funds to repair the deteriorating stained-glass windows in the sanctuary.

Homegrown pumpkins and gourds will be for sale.

Activities for children. All are welcome!

Tell your family and friends!

Communion

All Baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table of Grace.

Those not yet communing, of any age, may for any reason, come to the Table for a **verbal blessing**. You can indicate your desire for a blessing by **crossing your arms across your chest**.

Anyone who has any **dietary restrictions** of either the bread or the wine, may commune with either element and be confident of receiving the fullness of God's Grace.

The Lutheran Church in accordance with the Bible, believes, teaches, and confesses in the **REAL PRESENCE** of the Lord's Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the bread and the wine. The bread and the wine are given and shed for the forgiveness of sin and salvation of the believer.

This Week's Activities

Sun., Sept. 3, 2023

8:30 am

Worship, fellowship following

9:45 am

Adult Sunday School

September Volunteers

Fellowship: Sept. 3 —

Sept. 10 — Sunday School/Picnic

Sept. 17 — Jodi and Gene Fjeld

Lector: Lanette Branstad

Usher(s):

Altar Flowers: Jodi Fjeld

Communion Prep & Clean-up:

Happy Birthday: Whitli Bromeland (8/28), Rachael Swanson (9/1)

Happy Anniversary: Terry and Lisa Durby (9/1)

Baptismal Anniversary: Denise Holst (9/?)

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.