

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH
40041 150th Ave Leland, Iowa



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 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 September.

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 *"In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"* **#104**
- *Apostolic Greeting p. 78
- *The Kyrie p. 78
- *Hymn of Praise *"This is the Feast"* p. 81

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, strengthen us to follow your commands in humble obedience. Show us the way of sacrificial love for the sake of your world as we lose our old lives and find our true life in Christ through our own life's journey; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

PSALMS

Psalm 26

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

*HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 16:21-28**

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" **Grey Hymnal #262**

*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 Hymnal #440**

Communion

"Lamb of God" p. 92

Distribution

"Thank the Lord" p. 92

Prayer after Communion p. 94

*The Blessing p. 95

*SENDING HYMN *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"* **#230**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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PIANIST Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR: Lanette Branstad

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gene & Jodi Fjeld

~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.~

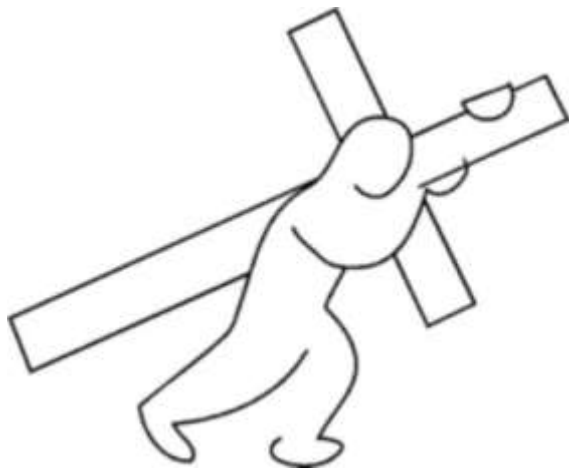
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The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 16th Chapter.

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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The first lesson is from the 15th Chapter of Jeremiah

¹⁵ LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Let us pray Psalm 26 (read responsively)

¹ Vindicate me, LORD, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;**

³ For I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.

⁴ **I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites.**

⁵ I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.

⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, LORD,**

⁷ Proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.**

⁹ Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with those who are bloodthirsty,

¹⁰ **In whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes.**

¹¹ I lead a blameless life; deliver me and be merciful to me.

¹² **My feet stand on level ground; in the great congregation I will praise the LORD.**

Amen



The second lesson is found in the 12th Chapter of Romans

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Rom. 12:21

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, Jacob Reupke, *our sister churches in the LCMC: St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and St. John's Lutheran Church, Persia, 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.

Special Prayers for:

the family of Pastor Steve Bang who joined our Lord Sun., Aug. 27th
and

Roger Peterson who is recovering from surgery for a broken leg.



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.

Service Time Change

Sunday, September 10th to 9:00 am

Sunday School at 10:30 am

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.



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!

Happy Birthday: Jill Holland (9/3), Janell Carson (9/7)

Happy Anniversary: Bryon/Denise Holst (9/4), David/Claire Branstad (9/6), Bob/Cindy Sarver (9/8)

This Week's Activities

Wed., Sept. 6, 2023 7:00 pm Naomi Circle, Colette Reimann hosting at church

Sun., Sept. 10, 2023 RALLY SUNDAY and Picnic

9:00 am Worship, fellowship following
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

September Volunteers

Fellowship: Sept. 10 — Rally Sunday / Church Picnic
 Sept. 17 — Jodi and Gene Fjeld
 Sept. 24 —

Lector: Lanette Branstad

Usher(s):

Altar Flowers: Jodi Fjeld

Communion Prep & Clean-up: