

## Prayer for the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children. As we bring them up, give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

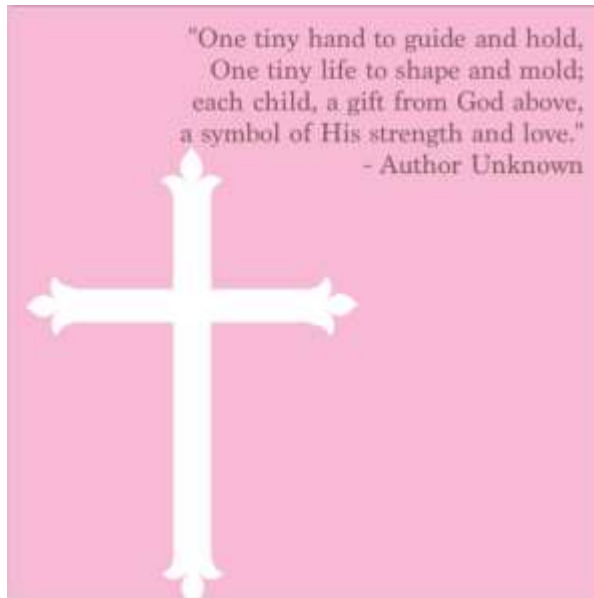
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## Happy birthday, Irene!!!

May God bless you today and always.  
May He fill your days with peace and comfort.

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## Congratulations on your baptism, Ellen May Hesse.

**Parents: Rachel and Andrew Hesse**

**Sponsors: Sarah Masterson**

**Bradley Hesse**

**Grandparents: Carla and Brian Johnson**

**Joel and Connie Hesse**

**Great-Grandmother: Irene Eide**

## WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

Rally Sunday

*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 September

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

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost                      September 10, 2023

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

### Installation and blessing of Sunday School Teachers

Wendell Finer, Jodi Fjeld, Nancy Scalisi

- \*Confession & Forgiveness p. 77
- \*OPENING HYMN “*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*” #253
- \*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.

**God of grace, through your Son you have reconciled the creation to yourself. Still, we continue to find ways to divide and destroy the unity you intend for us. Preserve your church that, assured of Christ's presence among us, we may exemplify the peace and reconciliation that can only come from you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING                      **Ezekiel 33:7-9**  
PSALMS                                      **Psalms 32:1-7**  
SECOND READING                      **Romans 6:1-4**

\*Gospel Acclamation                      “*Alleluia*”                      p. 83

“*Glory to you, O Lord*”                      p. 83

\*HOLY GOSPEL                      **Matthew 18:1-9**

“*Praise to you, O Christ*”                      p. 83

PULPIT HYMN                      “*Jesus Loves Even Me*”                      **Grey Hymnal #225**  
HYMN                      “*Jesus Loves the Little Children*”                      **Grey Hymnal #15**

Children's Message                      Pastor Tony Scalisi  
*Blessing of the Care of Children*                      p. 51

Sermon                      Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY                      “*In Christ There Is No East or West*”                      #359

**Holy Baptism**                      **Ellen May Hesse**                      p. 121

Daughter of Rachel and Andrew Hesse  
Sponsors: Sarah Masterson and Bradley Hesse

\*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Sharing the Peace.

\*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 Offering

\*The Offertory                      “*Create in me...*”                      p. 75

\*Offertory Prayer                      p. 87

\*The Lord's Prayer                      p. 91

\*The Blessing                      p. 95

\*SENDING HYMN                      “*Now Thank We All Our God*”                      #534

Go in peace, serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Postlude

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PIANIST:                                      Nancy Scalisi  
LECTOR:                                      Lanette Branstad

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~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.

~ Please call or email with your request.

The first lesson is from the 33<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of Ezekiel

<sup>7</sup> "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

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

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Let us pray Psalm 32 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
<sup>2</sup> **Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**  
<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
<sup>4</sup> **For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**  
<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.  
<sup>6</sup> **Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.**  
<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.  
**Amen**

The second lesson is found in the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans

**6** What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

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**Thanks be to God.**

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The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**18** At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup> He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. <sup>3</sup> And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. <sup>6</sup> "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. <sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! <sup>8</sup> If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## 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, and *our sister churches in the LCMC*: St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Radcliffe, 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](mailto:csarver52@gmail.com) or 319-931-3570.

### Special Prayers

to the families of **Eric Gustafson and his girlfriend, Mindy Chandler**, who passed away from a vehicle accident on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Treasurer Position

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

The congregation would like to **thank Carol Carson** for his numerous years of taking care of this responsibility.

He **and his wife, Janell**, have done a tremendous job.



### Sunday School Rally Day TODAY

Join us for activities following service.  
Sunday school class ages 4 & older.  
Music for all ages.



### Church Wide Picnic TODAY

Serving maidrites!

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church

is celebrating its **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

Deadline for dinner notification was 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!**

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## WPLC Fall Dinner

Sunday, October 8th

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Menu: BBQ Meatballs, Southern-style Green Beans, Cheesy

Potatoes, roll, dessert, and drink

**Adults: \$10      Children: 10 – 5 years-old: \$5**

**Children 4 and under: Free**

**Eat in      Carryout      Delivered**

**Call church at 641-567-3733 or**

**Cindy at 319-931-3570 for delivery order.**

## National LCMC Gathering, Oct. 1-4

Pastor Tony and Nancy will be gone 9/30 - 10/6.

No communion, Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

### This Week's Activities

Wed., Sept. 13, 2023	9:00 am	WOW Quilt Meeting, lunch following or TBD
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sun., Sept. 17, 2023	7 am–1 pm	VFW POST 6161 Pancake Breakfast \$5
	9:00 am	Worship, fellowship following
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Our Savior's Lutheran Church 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

### September / October Volunteers

**Fellowship:** Sept. 17 — Jodi and Gene Fjeld  
Sept. 24 — Lanette Branstad  
Oct. 1 — Dave and Sandy Snider

**Lector:** Sept.: Lanette Branstad; Oct.: Nancy Scalisi

**Usher(s):**

**Altar Flowers:** Sept.: Jodi Fjeld; Oct.:

**Communion Prep & Clean-up:** Dave and Sandy Snider

**Happy Birthday:** Destin Bradley (9/10), Irene Eide (9/12), Pastor Tony (9/16)

**Baptismal Anniversary:** Lori Jacobs (9/10), Bjorn Juveland (9/12), Cody Reimann (9/13)

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.