

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 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.

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 18th Chapter.

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold[□] was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.[□] He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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The first lesson is from the 50th Chapter of Genesis

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 103 (read responsively)

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

² **Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

⁸ **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

¹⁰ **he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹² **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

Amen

The second lesson is found in the 14th Chapter of Romans

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" ¹²So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

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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 Zion Lutheran Church, Hudson, 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.

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.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

is celebrating its **125th Anniversary**
TODAY

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

Catered dinner notification deadline was **8/30**.



VFW Post 6161

Leland, Iowa

Pancake Breakfast

Today

7 am – 1 pm \$5



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 to leave a message.

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!

National LCMC Gathering Oct. 1 - 4

Pastor Tony and Nancy will be gone Sept. 30 - Oct. 6

This Week's Activities

Wed., Sept. 20, 2023	6:00 pm	Bible Study Club. Lanette Branstad hosting at her home: 236 N. 9 th St., FC
Sun., Sept. 24, 2023	9:00 am	Worship, fellowship following
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	3:00 pm	Sion Fall Dinner and Talent Show

September / October Volunteers

Fellowship: Sept. 24 — Lanette Branstad
Oct. 1 — Sandy and Dave Snider
Oct. 8 — FALL DINNER 11 am – 2 pm

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

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

Communion Prep & Clean-up: Dave and Sandy Snider

Happy Birthday: Steve Reimann (9/21)

Baptismal Anniversary: Halle Jo Johnson (9/20), Ty Durby (9/21), LeAnn Peterson (9/22), Whitli Bromeland (9/23)