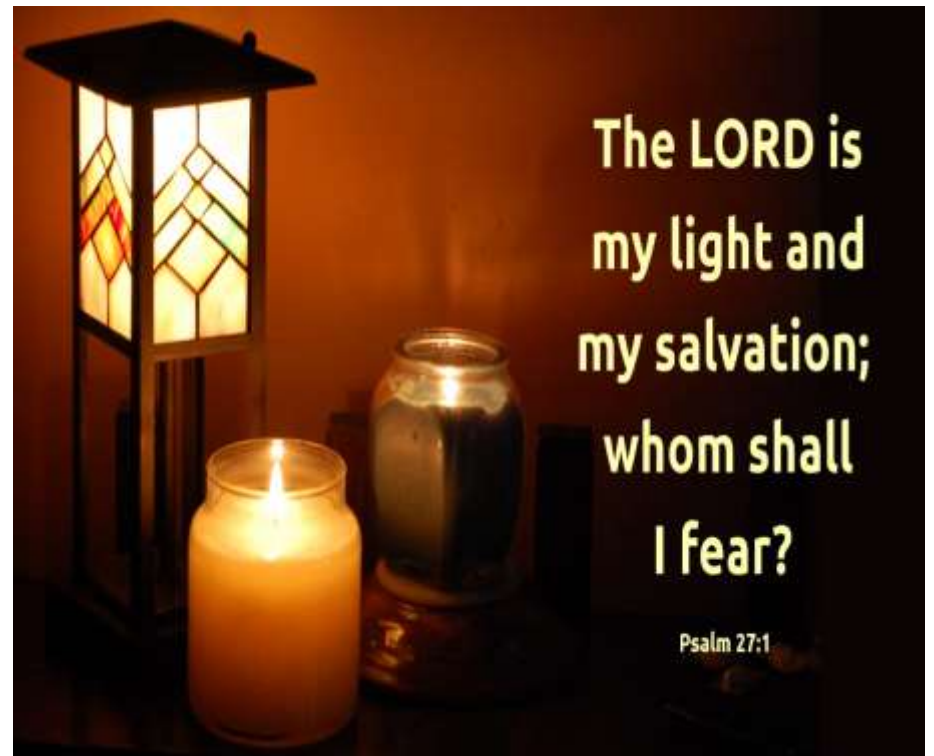


**WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
40041 150th Ave Leland, Iowa



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 24, 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 September.

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

# West Prairie Lutheran Church

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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\*Stand as you are able)

Prelude / Enter joyously to worship the Lord

- \*Confession & Forgiveness p. 77
- \*OPENING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" #530
- \*Apostolic Greeting p. 78
- \*The Kyrie p. 78
- \*Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" p. 81

\*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Steadfast God, you are slow to anger and your mercy endures forever. We all stand in your presence as beggars, completely undeserving of your mercy and grace. Awaken in us such a sense of gratitude that our own lives may reflect your overflowing generosity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING **Isaiah 55:6-9**

PSALMS **Psalm 27: 1-9**

SECOND READING **Philippians 1:12-14; 19-30**

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

\*HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 20:1-16**

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

Children's Message

Sermon Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord of All Hopefulness" #469

\*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 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #503

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

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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 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**20** "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius<sup>[a]</sup> for the day and sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' <sup>5</sup> So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' <sup>7</sup> " "Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' <sup>8</sup> "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' <sup>9</sup> "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' <sup>13</sup> "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup> "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost                      September 3, 2023

### The first lesson is from the 55<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Isaiah

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

<sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Let us pray Psalm 27 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

**<sup>2</sup> When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

**<sup>4</sup> One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

**<sup>6</sup> Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

**<sup>8</sup> My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

**Amen**

## The second lesson is found in the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of Philippians

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God’s provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. <sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,<sup>[b]</sup> striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements & Activities

### Prayer list:

Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Martha Messner, 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 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Callendar, IA.*

Please let Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have.

### Sion Fall Fellowship Dinner and Talent Show TODAY



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!**

### LCMC National Gathering in St. Louis, MO

Sunday, Oct. 1 – Wed., Oct. 4

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

**No Communion Sun., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Lanette Branstad will be leading service.

Dr. Bob Sarver will be giving sermon.

### 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**

### 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., Oct. 1, 2023      9:00 am      Worship, fellowship following  
10:30 am      Adult Sunday School

### October Volunteers

**Fellowship:**      Oct. 1 – Sandy and Dave Snider  
Oct. 8 – FALL DINNER; 11 am – 2 pm  
Oct. 15 –  
Oct. 22 –

*Reformation Sun.* Oct. 29 –

**Lector:** Nancy Scalisi

**Altar Flowers:**

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

**Happy Birthday:** Jordan Branstad (9/25)

**Happy Anniversary:** Steve and Colette Reimann (9/29)