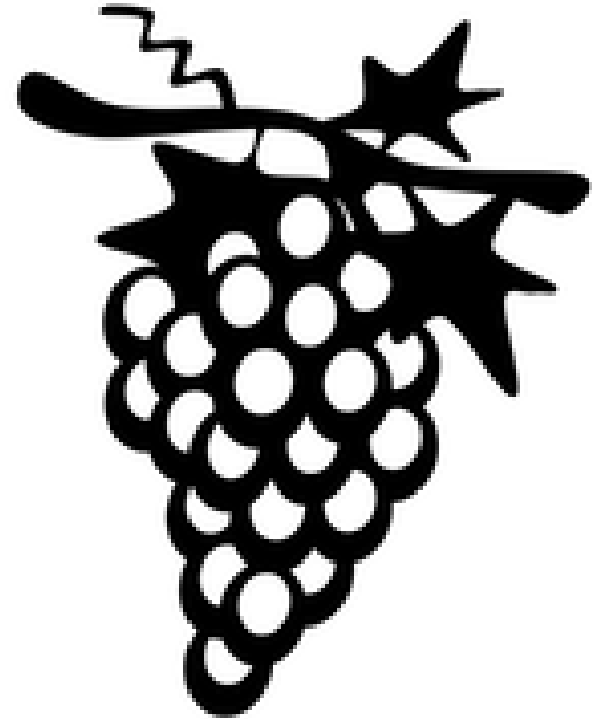


**WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 1, 2023

*Mission:* To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion offered  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in October  
*Healing Service October 22<sup>nd</sup>*

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

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## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 1, 2023

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

\*Confession & Forgiveness p. 77

\*OPENING HYMN "You Servants of God" #252

\*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.

**Heavenly Father, called to do your will we often respond with enthusiasm, yet in our human weakness we fail to follow through. Strengthen us with your grace poured out through your Son, so that we may overcome our weakness and follow you in the way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:1-4; 25-32

PSALMS Psalm 25:1-10

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-4;14-18

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

\*HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-27

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

PULPIT HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #481

Children's Message

Sermon

Lanette Branstad

Dr. Bob Sarver

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus, the Very Thought of You" #316

\*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed p. 85

\*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 "Create in me..." p. 75

\*Offertory Prayer p. 87

\*The Lord's Prayer p. 91

\*The Blessing p. 95

\*SENDING HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" #385

Go in peace, serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Postlude

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PIANIST:

LECTOR:

Cindy Sarver

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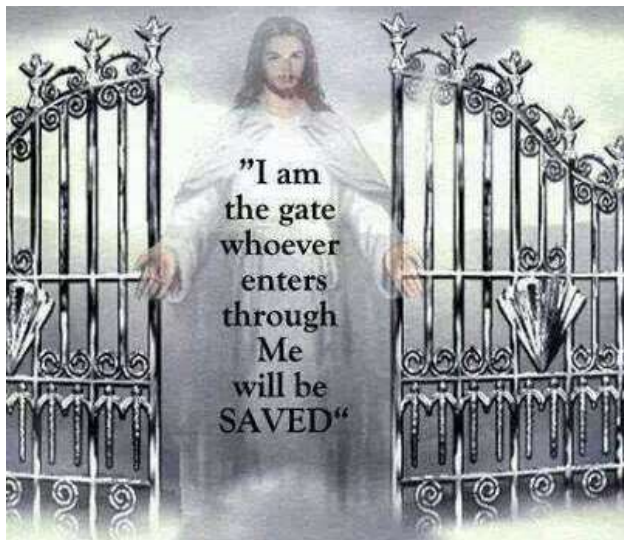
~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.~

~ Please call or email with your request.~

## The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>25</sup> John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### The first lesson is from the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Ezekiel

**18** The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: 'The parents eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'?"

<sup>3</sup> "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup> For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

<sup>25</sup> "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? <sup>26</sup> If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. <sup>27</sup> But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. <sup>28</sup> Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. <sup>29</sup> Yet the Israelites say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust? <sup>30</sup> "Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. <sup>31</sup> Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

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



Let us pray Psalm 25 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup> **I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup> No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

<sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.**

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

<sup>8</sup> **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

<sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

<sup>10</sup> **All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

Amen



The second lesson is found in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Philippians

<sup>2</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. <sup>18</sup> So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

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, and *our sister churches in the LCMC*: St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Marion, IA.

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

### National LCMC Gathering Oct. 1 - 4

Pastor Tony and Nancy will be gone Sept. 30 - Oct. 6  
Pastor Ryan Henckel will be covering (815) 842-7273  
Emmons Lutheran Church (507) 297-5471

### 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

Happy Anniversary Pastor Tony

on your ordination

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>



Remember him with a card next Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

October 8<sup>th</sup> is also National Clergy Day.

### This Week's Activities

Wed., Oct. 4, 2023      7:00 pm      Naomi Circle Lanette Branstad  
hosting at her home.  
Sun., Oct. 8, 2023      9:00 am      Worship, fellowship following  
**11 am – 2 pm FALL DINNER**  
No Sunday School

### October Volunteers

**Fellowship:**      Oct. 8 – **FALL DINNER 11 am – 2 pm**  
Oct. 15 – Janet and John Haugen  
Oct. 22 –  
Reformation Sun. Oct. 29 –  
**Lector:** Nancy Scalisi  
**Altar Flowers:**  
**Communion Prep & Clean-up:** Dave and Sandy Snider

**Happy Birthday:** Jack Holland (10/6), Colette Reimann (10/6)

**Baptismal Anniversary:** David Branstad (10/2)

**Wedding Anniversary:** Dave and Sandy Snider (10/3)

### **Bible Trivia**

The woman with a broom and a candle was looking for what?

(Clue: Luke 15:8)

- a.) lost sheep
- b.) silver
- c.) a mote
- d.) a penny