

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH
40041 150th Ave Leland, Iowa



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2023

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

Communion celebrated
the 2nd and 5th Sundays in October.
Healing Service the 4th Sunday in October.

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

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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 "*Children of the Heavenly Father*" **#474**
- *Apostolic Greeting p. 78
- *The Kyrie p. 78
- *Hymn of Praise "*This is the Feast*" p. 81

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism you have grafted us onto the vine that is Christ and given us a share of his inheritance that we might know the power of his resurrection. Guide us by your Holy Spirit that we might live in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 5:1-7**

PSALMS **Psalms 80:7-19**

SECOND READING **Philippians 3:4b-14**

- *Gospel Acclamation "*Alleluia*" p. 83
- "*Glory to you, O Lord*" p. 83
- *HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 21:33-46**
- "*Praise to you, O Christ*" p. 83

Children's Message

Sermon Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY

"*If You Will (but) Trust God to Guide You*" **#453**

*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 "*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*" **#526**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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PIANIST: Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR: Nancy Scalisi

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gene & Jodi Fjeld

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

~ Please call or email with your request. ~

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 21st Chapter.

³³ "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵ "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. ³⁸ "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" ⁴³ "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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The first lesson is from the 5th Chapter of Isaiah

5 I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. **2** He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. **3** "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. **4** What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? **5** Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. **6** I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." **7** The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 27 (read responsively)

⁷ Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

⁸ You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

¹¹ Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

¹² Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

¹³ Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.

¹⁴ Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine,

¹⁵ The root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁶ Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish.

¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Amen

The second lesson is from the 3rd Chapter of Philipians

⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in[Ⓜ] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Neola, IA.*

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

WPLC Fall Dinner

TODAY

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

Isaacson Family Visit

Sunday, Oct. 15th

They will be joining us for service and fellowship.

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

Wed., Oct. 11, 2023 9:00 am WOW Quilt Meeting, lunch following or TBD
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
Sun., Oct. 15, 2023 9:00 am Worship, fellowship following
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

October Volunteers

Fellowship: 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: Lanette Branstad (10/8), Leo Colby (10/8), Louise Nath (10/12)

Happy Anniversary: Roger and LeAnn Peterson (10/7)

Baptismal Anniversary: Jill Holland (10/11), Ceara Mullins (10/13)

Bible Trivia

Jesus said, "Every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be..." likened to what?

(Clue: Matthew 7:24-27)

- a.) rains that descend
- b.) a house upon rock
- c.) a wise man
- d.) a foolish man

Last week's answer: The woman with a broom and a candle was looking for what? B) silver

We are blessed with the ability to contribute to the following organizations:

Lutheran World Relief
Neighborhood Food Bank
Our Savior Food Pantry
One Vision- Autism Center
LCMC Operations
Answers in Genesis:
ARK & IA State Fair

Lutheran Disaster Assistance LCMC
The Gideons International
LCMC Iowa District
Forest City Ambulance Service
Water for Kids International
Instruments for Haiti