

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15 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 October 22nd

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

Welcome and Announcements

- *Confession & Forgiveness p. 77
- *OPENING HYMN "Now We Join in Celebration" #203
- *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.

Bountiful God, you set a table before us and nourish us with the bread of life, your Son, Jesus. Send us out with joyful thanksgiving to share this bread of life with others. Keep us in your grace until we feast at last at the banquet that is to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 25:6-9**

PSALMS **will be sung: "The Lord is My Shepherd" #451 vs. 1-5**

SECOND READING **Philippians 4:4-13**

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

*HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 22:1-14**

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

PULPIT HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" **Grey Hymnal #468**

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Grey Hymnal #611

*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 "O Master, Let Me Walk" #492

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Postlude

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PIANIST: Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR: Nancy Scalisi

~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.

~ Please call or email with your request.

The first lesson is from the 25th Chapter of Isaiah

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ⁹In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Proverbs 3:5

Let us pray Psalm 23

This week the Psalm will be sung.

“The Lord is My Shepherd” #451 verses 1-5

The second lesson is found in the 4th Chapter of Philippians

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Rejoice
in the
Lord*



The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 22nd Chapter.

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. ¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



- A card for Our Saviors 125th anniversary will be set out during fellowship so members can sign it. Cindy made a motion to have Jodi make a flower bouquet for the anniversary, with reimbursement. Terry seconded the motion, approved.

New Business

- Bug bombs have been used in the basement.
- The Sunday School deposit from Rally Day was \$99.00.
- Pastor Tony requested an adjustment be made to the baptismal font opening to allow for a larger bowl. The adjustment will be looked into.
- A discussion was held concerning a new photo church directory. It was decided to bring this topic to the Annual meeting for discussion.
- Paint repair for the south, outside wall of the sanctuary is estimated to be \$145.45. Terry made a motion to allow up to \$200 for paint expenses. Jodi seconded the motion, approved.

Jan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Cindy. Motion carried. The next council meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Durby

Announcements & Activities

Prayer list:

Robin Ciuffetti, 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 Salem Lutheran Church, Roland, IA.

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



Thank You

to everyone who helped make
WPLC's Fall Dinner a success.



The donation of your time, talents, and resources is greatly appreciated.

Welcome Isaacson Family

We are happy you are worshipping with us today.

Needed: someone to fill the position of *church secretary*.
If interested, please speak to Julie or Pastor Tony.

WPLC was able to donate school supplies to our local schools: Forest City, Lake Mills, and Buffalo Center. Thank you, Danya Swanson for your generous donation to our community and children.



The 3 local schools *each* received:

- 7 - 24 count crayons
- 4 - 10 count washable markers
- 1 - 12 count plastic 2 pocket folders
- 1 - 6 pack scissors
- 2 - 6 pack spiral notebooks
- 4 - 6 pack loose leaf wide ruled paper
- 1 box - 30 count glue stick

Sacred Heart Annual Fall Harvest Soup/Salad Luncheon Sunday, Nov. 5th in Manly

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Free will donation

Take outs: 641-454-2586

All homemade soups, salads, and pies!

Bake Sale

2 - \$50 Door Prizes (need not be present to win)





VFW Post 6161, Leland
Pancake Breakfast
TODAY 7am to 1 pm \$5



Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Leland

Saturday, Nov. 11th

7 am – 1 pm

French Toast, Egg Bake Breakfast
 Sausage
 Coffee, juice, water
Free Will Donation



This Week's Activities

Sun., Oct. 22, 2023 9:00 am Healing Service, fellowship following
 10: 30 am Sunday School

October / November Volunteers

Fellowship: Oct. 22 –
 Reformation Sun. Oct. 29 –
 Nov. 5–

Lector: Nancy Scalisi

Altar Flowers:

Communion Prep & Clean-up: Dave and Sandy Snider

Happy Birthday: Tristyn Branstad (10/18), Terry Durby (10/21)

Baptismal Anniversary: Garrett Fjeld (10/15), Irene Eide (10/17)

Happy Anniversary: Ben/Whitli Bromeland (10/17)

*Bulletin information should be sent to Lanette Branstad at
 lanettebranstad52@gmail.com.*

Bible Trivia

Jesus said, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a _____, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the _____, and they are _____." (Clue: John 15:6)

- a.) Fig, dung hill, ruined
- b.) Tree, burning, perished
- c.) Branch, fire, burned
- d.) Leaf, pile, consumed

Last week's answer: Jesus said, "Every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be..." likened to what?

B) a house upon a rock.

Church Council Minutes, September 2023

The West Prairie church council met Wednesday, September 13. Members attending were Julie Reimann, Jan Reimann, Cindy Sarver, Jodi Fjeld, Terry Durby, and Lisa Durby. Caroll Carson and Pastor Tony attended also.

Julie called the meeting to order and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Terry, with a second by Cindy. Motion approved. Pastor Tony led devotions based on Obidiah Chapter 1 verses 3-4.

Pastor Tony presented his monthly report. A Bible Club Bible study group has been started. He will attend the annual retreat September 18-20th, and the LCMC convention in October. He asked to consider purchasing "Peace Came to Earth" for Advent, and a new grief share program is available. A motion to approve the report was made by Jodi, seconded by Jan, and approved.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented. Income for August was \$5,639.74 and expenses were \$12,231.65. Expenses included \$4,125.00 for the second half of our budgeted Benevolences. Jan made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Jodi, approved.

Old Business

- The Sunday school room flooring has been installed.
- Twelve trees have been replaced with 3 more to do.
- Discussion was held on material and color choices for the ramp project. The ramp trim color will be Lava Rock, with the center being the Tiki Torch color. The inner rail and the top rail will be the same color as the trim. Vertical spindles will be added to the rail. Some concrete will have to be replaced. Cindy made a motion that the remaining money from the Sharp donation be used to pay for the concrete. 2nd by Jodi, approved.
- Ryan Mullins has accepted the Treasurer's position. Terry made a motion to appoint Ryan as the new treasurer effective October 1st, with Caroll transitioning out of his current position by October 31st. Jan seconded the motion, approved.
- Servers should be notified that there will be additional guests at the October 15th service due to the Issacson family visiting.
- The CPR/AED posters are posted.