

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH
40041 150th Ave Leland, Iowa



Healing Service

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023

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

Communion given the 2nd and 5th Sundays in October

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us. Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people are seated.

HYMN *“He Touched Me”* **Grey Book #628**

Laying of Hands and Anointing

Those who wish to receive laying of hands and anointing may come to the altar one at a time, waiting in the aisles until the person ahead is anointed. As you step forward, give your first name to the minister so that it may be included in prayer.

You may sit or stand for the anointing.

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, _____; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver him/her from the power of evil; and preserve him/her in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.

R: Amen

After all have returned to their places, the people stand for the closing rite.

*Closing Rite:

P: The Almighty Lord—a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you known and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C: And his mercy endures forever.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Sovereign Lord, your reign extends across time and space. You have created us in your own image and redeemed us by your grace through your Son. Grant that we may return to you what is yours, our entire selves given to your mission in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**The people are seated.*

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7

PALMS

Psalms 96:1-9

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

p. 83

“Glory to you, O Lord”

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

“Praise to you, O Christ”

p. 83

Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blessed Assurance”

Grey Hymnal #67

Bidding Prayers:

P: Let us pray for all who suffer.

C: Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in him strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for recovery from sickness.

C: O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those in affliction.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, give comfort to the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those who minister in healing.

C: Almighty God, source of human knowledge and skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that, by their ministries, the health of all people may be promoted, and your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends.

C: Loving God, our creator and redeemer: Give strength and gentleness, patience and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their hope be in you, and by their ministry of love let your love be known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those who desire our prayers.

C: Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your strong arms around them. Touch them with your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in you and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those making decisions.

C: O Lord our God, send your Holy Spirit to guide us, that we may make our decisions with love, mercy, and reverence for your gift of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us salvation.

C: Blessed be God.

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses.

C: Blessed be God.

P: Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power.

C: Blessed be God.

P: Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants who are gathered here with your presence; drive away their sickness of body and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve you now and evermore.

C: Amen

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed p. 85

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us share God's peace.

OFFERING

**Please stand*

THE OFFERTORY "Create in me" p. 75

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 22nd Chapter

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax^{al} to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" ²¹ "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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The first lesson is from the 45th Chapter of Isaiah

45 "This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ² I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. ³ I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. ⁴ For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶ so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 96 (responsively)

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Amen

The second lesson is found in the 1st Chapter of 1 Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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Thanks be to God.

