

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023

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

Communion celebrated
the 1st and 4th Sundays in November
Thanksgiving Eve Service 11/22

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 *"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"* #301
- *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.

God of light and life, through your most Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your grace so that we may be ready for the coming of your Son. Grant that we may bear the light of your love to the world in need, that all may know of your justice and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING **Amos 5:18-24**

PSALMS **Psalm 70**

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

*HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

PULPIT HYMN *"Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates"* **Grey Hymnal #239**

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY *"O Word of God Incarnate"* #231

*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 *"The King is Coming"* **Grey Hymnal #313**

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Postlude

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PIANIST:

Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR:

Julie Reimann

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

~ Please call or email with your request. ~

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 25th Chapter.

25 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' ⁷ "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' ⁹ "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' ¹² "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' ¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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The first lesson is from the 5th Chapter of Amos

¹⁸ Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. ¹⁹ It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. ²⁰ Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? ²¹ "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. ²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. ²³ Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

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Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 70 (read responsively)

¹ Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, LORD, to help me.

² **May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.**

³ May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

⁴ **But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"**

⁵ But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay.

Amen.

The second lesson is found in the 4th Chapter of 1 Thessalonians

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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