

*The Lord's Prayer
Communion

"Lamb of God"

Distribution

"Thank the Lord"

Prayer after Communion

*The Blessing

*SENDING HYMN

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Grey Hymnal #440

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Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Postlude

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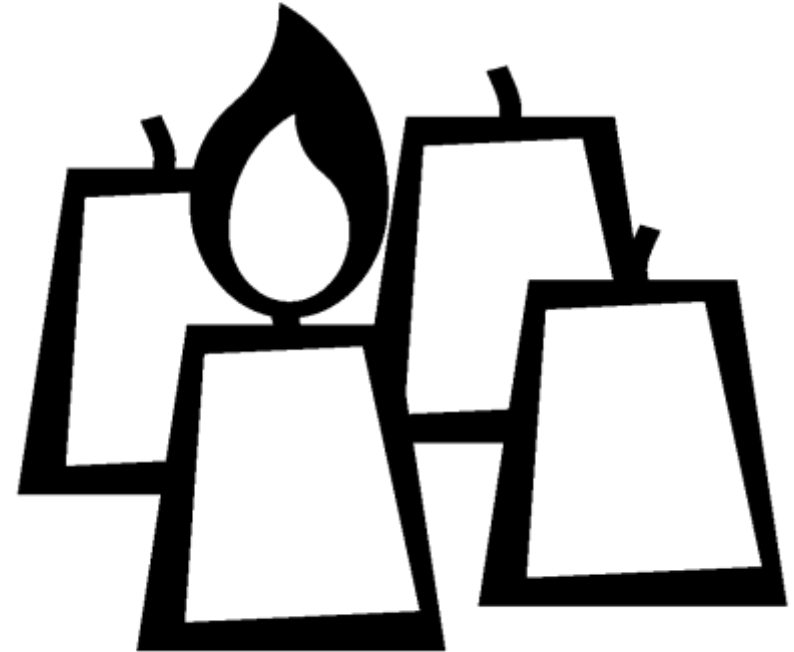
~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.~

~Please call or email with your request.~

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



First Sunday in Advent
December 3, 2023

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

Communion offered every Sunday in Advent
Healing Service December 31st

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

The first candle which we light is called the Prophets' Candle.

The first blue Advent candle is lit.

R: Let us pray.

C: As we light the first candle of our Advent wreath, the Prophets' Candle, we give thanks to you, O God. In obedience to your will, the prophets of old have shown us our need for a Savior. They direct us with hopeful expectation to the manger and the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" Verse 1

*Confession & Forgiveness p. 77

*Opening Hymn
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" **Grey Hymnal #168**

*Greeting p. 78

Pastor will sing *"The Annunciation"* Holden Evening Prayer p. 7

*The Magnificat Holden Evening Prayer p. 7

P: Give glory to the coming King.

C: Oh, come, let us worship Him.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you are the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end. May your Spirit kindle in us a spirit of readiness, that we might at all times and in all places be prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

PSALMS

Psalm 80:1-7

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-10

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83
"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83
*HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10**
"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Brightest and Best of the Stars"* #84

*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.

*P: Give glory to the coming King.

C: Oh, come, let us worship Him.

Sharing the Peace

The Offering

*The Offertory *"Let the vineyards be fruitful"* p. 86

*Offertory Prayer p. 87

*Great Thanksgiving P: Give glory to the coming King.

C: Oh, come, let us worship Him. p. 88
"Holy, Holy, Holy" p. 89

The first lesson is from the 64th Chapter of Isaiah

64 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ²As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? ⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. ⁷No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to^(b) our sins. ⁸Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 80 (responsively)

¹ Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,

² Shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might; come and save us.

³ Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

⁴ How long, LORD God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

⁶ You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.

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

Amen

The second lesson is found in the 6th Chapter of 1 Timothy

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 2nd Chapter.

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Announcements & Activities

West Prairie 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, Jacob Reupke, and our sister churches in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA and St. Olaf, Bode, IA.

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



WOW Quilt Group

Meeting on *Wed., Dec. 13th*
11:00 am at Sharon Holland's home
 to assemble Christmas Cookie Plates.
 Everyone is welcome to attend.
 Please bring 2 dozen cookies or candies.

Bible Trivia

Fill in the name: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O _____, son of the morning!"

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| a. Saul | c. David |
| b. Judas | d. Lucifer |

Answer to last week's question: Samaritan

This Week's Activities

Thurs., Dec. 7, 2023	6:30 pm	Naomi Circle Christmas Party at Tim's Corner, Lake Mills
Sat., Dec. 9, 2023	Noon	Bible Study Club Christmas Party at Shooterz, FC
Sun., Dec. 10, 2023	9:00 am	Worship with Communion, fellowship following
	10:45 am	Advent Bible Study Children's Sunday School

December Volunteers

Fellowship: Dec. 10— Colette Reimann
 Dec. 17— Julie/Jan Reimann and The Fjelds
 Christmas Eve Dec. 24—
 Dec. 25 – No Service, Merry Christmas!

Lector: Lanette Branstad

Flowers:

Communion Prep/Clean-up:

Happy Birthday: Julia Holland (12/4), Veronica Maas (12/7)

Happy Anniversary: Pastor Tony/Nancy Scalisi (12/4)