

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

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

Communion celebrated
the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays in February

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

*Confession & Forgiveness		p. 77
OPENING HYMN	<i>"On Eagles Wings"</i>	INSERT
*Apostolic Greeting		p. 78
*The Kyrie		p. 78
*Hymn of Praise	<i>"This is the Feast..."</i>	p. 81

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Immortal and everlasting God, through your power are the weak made strong and the ill made whole in body, mind and spirit. Strengthen us through your Son's presence in Word and Sacrament that we may be bearers of your grace to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING	Isaiah 40:21-31
PSALMS	Psalms 147:1-11
SECOND READING	1 Corinthians 9:16-27

*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 83
	<i>"Glory to you, O Lord"</i>	p. 83
*HOLY GOSPEL	Mark 1:29-39	
	<i>"Praise to you, O Christ"</i>	p. 83

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY *"He Touched Me"* **GRAY HYMNAL #628**

*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..."* p. 86

*Offertory Prayer p. 87

*Great Thanksgiving p. 88

"Holy, Holy, Holy" p. 89

*The Lord's Prayer **GRAY HYMNAL #440**

Communion

"Lamb of God" p. 92

Distribution

"Thank the Lord" p. 92

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*The Blessing p. 95

*SENDING HYMN *"I Love to Tell the Story"* **#390**

Go in peace, serve the newborn King.

Thanks be to God

Postlude

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PIANIST:							Nancy Scalisi
LECTOR:							Lisa Durby
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:							Gene & Jodi Fjeld

Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.

Please call or email with your request.

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. ³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The first lesson is from the 40th Chapter of Isaiah

²¹ Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? ²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. ²³ He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. ²⁴ No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. ²⁵ "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. ²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 147 (read responsively)

¹ Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

² **The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴ **He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.**

⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

⁶ **The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷ Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.

⁸ **He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹ He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

¹⁰ **His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;**

¹¹ The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

AMEN

The second lesson is found in the 9th Chapter of 1 Corinthians

¹⁶ For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel. ¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. ²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements & Activities

Prayer list:

Robin Ciuffetti, Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Martha Messner, Nicholas Oppman, Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, Jacob Reupke, and **our sister churches in the LCMC:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Zion Lutheran, Clear Lake, IA.

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

TODAY

Following service: ANNUAL MEETING

Naomi Circle Meeting

Wed., Feb. 7th at 7:00 pm

Lanette Branstad hosting at her home.

Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream

Miracles for Mothers... pgs. 235-253

Join us for **Shrove Tuesday**

potluck meal on **Feb. 13th** at **6:00 pm.**

Ash Wednesday Service

Wed., Feb. 14th at 7:00 pm

No meal before service.

Sign-up sheets

for Pre-Lenten Service meals available in Fellowship Hall.

Meals will be served Wednesdays 2/21-3/20 at 6:00 pm.

Lent Services at 7:00 pm.

This Week's Activities

Wed., Feb. 7, 2024	7:00 pm	Naomi Circle Meeting <i>Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak</i> Ch. 10: Miracles for Mothers..., pgs. 235-253
Sun., Feb. 11, 2024	9:00 am	Worship, fellowship following
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School

February Volunteers

Fellowship: Feb. 11 – Sandy Snider
Feb. 18 – Janet & John Haugen
Feb. 25 – Gene & Jodi Fjeld
Mar. 3 – Lisa and Terry Durby

Lector: Lisa Durby

Communion Prep & Clean-up: Dave and Sandy Snider

Happy Birthday: Angela Haugen (2/7), Logan West (2/8),
Judy Norstrud (2/10)