

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
August 18, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**



“First and Last”

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Our vision: Creating a welcoming community that worships well, disciples well, and serves well; transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Gathering Music *"Glory and Praise to Our God" by Dan Schutte arr. Mark Hayes
Luann Alderks*

**Welcome
Centering Time**

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

We gather in abundance, away from the rush and the race, the push and the need.

How good it is to gather!

We gather in abundance, away from the consumption that wastes and destroys,
Because we are created to be agents of change, not consumed but empowered,
impassioned and transformed.

How good it is to gather to celebrate the gift of passion to work beyond titles and live beyond things.

We gather because who you are is more than what you do. We gather because the productive class is not about numbers and brackets but about God's life-giving dream where all have enough and each sacred heart goes to bed warm, beloved and well fed.

We gather to celebrate the source; that seeded abundance in each soul and urges us to live, love and serve. Amen.

Hymn: *Gather Us In* *TFWS # 2236* *All*

Opening Prayer:

Gracious Lord, give us opportunities to serve today.

In our daily work, on vacation, and in our daily interactions with other people, give us opportunities to be kind, respectful, encouraging, generous, and compassionate.

May those we encounter today see your love shine through what we do.

And in that, help us seek first to serve, rather than to be served. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

**Sharing the Peace
Children's Moment**

THE WORD

Psalm 111

Matthew 20:1-16

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

Message

"First and Last"

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* *UMH # 147* *All*

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Offering *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" by Percy Smith arr. Ted Smith*
Luann Alderks

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH # 95)* *All*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving and righteous God, you are far more generous to us, and to all who work in your kingdom, than we desire or deserve.

Make us generous to others as you have been to us. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

And the Prayer in which Christ unites us . . .

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn *Christ for the World We Sing* *UMH # 568* *All*

SENDING

Family of God, go out from here as workers in God's upside-down kingdom, where the last are first and the first are last, where needs are met in miraculous ways, and there is grace enough for all, so that even a stranger will see in you a friend and neighbor. God sends you, the Spirit fills you, Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere.

God Bless! Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude *"Majesty" (Here I Am) by Martin Smith & Stuart Garrard with "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" by Walter Chalmers Smith arr. Carol Tornquist*

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, Admin Secretary: Sue Rollins, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions and Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Outreach and Nurture Chair: Jeff Sartor

Upcoming Events

Tues. August 20 , 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. August 21, 9:00 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

Wed. August 21, 5:30-8:00 pm: Wednesdays on the Prairie

Sat. August 24, 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Mon. August 26, 5:30pm: Oktoberfest planning meeting

Mon. August 26, 7:00pm: Admin Board Meeting

Sun. Septembe. 15, 9:30am: Cowboy Church

Sat. September 21, noon–6:30pm: Dundas Oktoberfest

See our website for more details at www.littleprairieumc.org.

Website



Online giving

