

18th Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
September 22, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



“Whoever Welcomes One Such Child”

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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

*Children of the Heavenly Father, arranged by Lorie Line
April Ostermann*

**Welcome
Centering Time**

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

Hymn:

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH # 277

All

Opening Prayer:

Our Creator and sustainer, we confess that we are not always strong like the trees planted by the water's edge.

Sometimes we are weak and indecisive. When the first big wind comes, we lean and break.

Sometimes we plot revenge instead of letting you fight our battles. By our silence and busyness, we let wickedness and ugliness fester and flourish.

Today, Lord, forgive us when we covet and lie and when we get caught up in things that displease you. Heal us, direct our paths, and be for us the peace we so desperately crave. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

Baptism *Waylon Russell Bauernfeind*

Parent: Meckinzy Futhey and Josh Bauernfeind

God Parents: Sydney Futhey and Hope Bauernfeind

Hymn:

Jesus Loves Me UMH #191

All

Kids' Club Begins today! (Formally known as Sunday School;-)

All kids are invited to come downstairs for a time of fun and adventure. Leading today's session will be Bonnie and Paul Humke. Next week's leaders are Karen and Ross Nelson.

THE WORD

Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

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

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Near to the Heart of God UMH # 472

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

O God, we live our lives as best we can—dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead.

Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.

Words of Assurance (inspired by James 3)

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering

Nearer My God to Thee, arranged by Lorie Line

April Ostermann

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Love and Mercy, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts, honoring your enduring guidance in our lives. Just as Wisdom works with willing hands and provides for those in need, may these gifts be used to nurture and uplift our community. Inspire us to follow your teachings of kindness and generosity.

Transform our contributions into acts of love and justice, spreading your light in the world. May we always give credit to your divine wisdom and grace. In your holy name, we pray. 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 *Our Parent, By Whose Name UMH # 447* *All*

SENDING

Beloved, may God continue to bless us with parents who lead us as we follow the path of God's uncommon wisdom. May we recognize, nurture, respect, and support God's call on their lives today and all days. God sends you, the Spirit fills you. Christ goes with you and you with Christ always and everywhere. **Amen.**

Go in love, peace and joy! Shalom.

Postlude *Jesus Loves Me, arranged by Lorie Line* *April Ostermann*

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, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst

Upcoming Events

Tues. Sept. 24, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. Sept. 25, 9:00-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for schedule and details)

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

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