

**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
September 8, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**



“Crumbs of Wisdom”

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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 *"I Stand in Awe" by Mark Altrogge arr. Mark Hayes*

Luann Alderks

**Welcome
Centering Time**

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!

What do you seek from God, our Creator?

We seek God's wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.

Are you ready to follow when God's wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

We will trust, and we will follow wherever God's wisdom leads us.

Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

Come! Let us worship and seek God's uncommon wisdom together! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.

Hymn: *Open My Eyes That I May See* *UMH* #454 *All*

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well.

We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection.

We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities.

Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace.

Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need.

Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Sharing the Peace Children's Moment

THE WORD

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

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

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Sent Fourth By God’s Blessing

UMH # 664

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Dear God, help us to live in love, peace and unity.

Help us to see others on our journey and to share your spiritual food.

Give us courage to do justice. Forgive us when we lose our way.

We pray for our church, our communities, and our local and world governments.

May your creative love and compassion fill our hearts and minds. Give those in power wisdom to lead with justice and kindness.

Comfort those who have lost loved ones and who are mourning. Comfort those who suffer. We give thanks for this beautiful creation we call Planet Earth. Help us to be the best stewards we can possibly be. We ask this all in the name of Christ. Amen.

Offering

“Take Time to be Holy” by George C. Stebbins arr. Tom Fettke

Luann Alderks

Doxology

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

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving Creator, we dedicate these offerings with hearts guided by your wisdom and grace. As we gather on this September Sunday, may our gifts embody the teachings of Proverbs, spreading honor, kindness, and justice to all.

Use these offerings to uplift those in need, fostering hope and peace in our community. May we live out your wisdom in our actions and generosity. This we pray in Christ’s name. 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 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* *UMH # 581* *All*

SENDING

Beloved, may God bless you today and all days with wisdom that guides you to notice the needs all around you and to share in the work of nurturing abundant life for all of God's creation, 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 *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings"* *Tune: Nettleton arr. Mark Hayes*
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, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst

Upcoming Events

Tues. Sept. 10, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Tues. Sept. 10, 5:30 pm: Oktoberfest planning meeting

Wed. Sept. 11, 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)

Sun. Sept. 15, 9:30 am Cowboy Church, pancake breakfast to follow.

Mon. Sept. 16, 7:00 pm: Admin Council meeting

Sun. Sept. 22, 9:30 am: Kids' Club Begins! (Formally known as Sunday School;-)

Sat. Sept. 21, Noon-6:30 pm Dundas Oktoberfest, downtown Dundas!

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

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