

**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Little Prairie United Methodist Church**  
**August 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**



***“The Whole Armor of God”***

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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**

*"You Are My All in All"*  
by Dennis Jernigan, arr. Mark Hayes

*Luann Alderks*

**Welcome**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

## Centering Time

### Call to Worship

*All*

Disciples of Christ, why have you gathered today?

**To worship God, who lives among us.**

God lives among us all the time, so why have you gathered today?

**To remind one another that God lives among us as we worship.**

When you scatter from this place, what will you take with you?

**Hearts open to recognize God living among us.**

Then, come! Let us worship together!

**We come to worship with rejoicing the Triune God who lives, loves, and moves among us as we gather and as we are sent from this place! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024.*

### Hymn of Praise

*“Come Thou Almighty King” (UMH #61)*

*All*

### Opening Prayer

Dear living God, how lovely is your dwelling place.

**Our hearts long to sing for joy.**

Help us find the home that holds our hearts.

**Like the sparrow finds a home and the swallow cherishes a nest for her brood.**

Happy are we who live in your house.

**Happy are those who trust in You. Amen.**

### Sharing the Peace

### Children’s Moment

## THE WORD

### Psalm 84

### Ephesians 6:10-20

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

### Message

*“The Whole Armor of God”*

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn**

*“You are My All in All” (W&S #3049)*

*All*

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

Spirit of God, we confess that sometimes we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. There are times when we are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth, or times when we try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Sometimes our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. At times, we can be quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit.

**Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. Amen.**

**Offering**

*“As the Deer”*

*Luann Alderks*

*by Martin Nystrom, arr. Mark Hayes*

**Doxology**

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

*All*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, as we bring forth our offerings today, we are reminded of your enduring presence among us. With hearts full of gratitude, we offer these gifts as a symbol of our commitment to live lives of worship, not just within these walls but in every moment of our existence.

**May our actions, our words, and our very lives be a testament to your glory, shining forth your love and grace to all we encounter. 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

*“Standing on the Promises” (UMH #374)*

*All*

## SENDING

Beloved, God dwells among us! This is good news! Go now in the blessing of the Triune God who created you, redeems you, and sustains you to live and love as neighbors to God and one another, 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

*"Great Is the Lord"*

*Luann Alderks*

*by William W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith, arr. Mark Hayes*

## 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, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst, 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.

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