

**The Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**Little Prairie United Methodist Church**  
**November 24, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**



*“My kingdom does not belong to this world”*

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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**    *"Thou Art Worthy" by Pauline M. Mills arr. Mark Hayes*

*Luann Alderks*

**Welcome**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**Centering Time**

## Call to Worship

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,  
**so God seeks and saves the lost.**

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,  
**so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

As a father receives a returning wayward son,  
**so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.**

(RUTH DUCK, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)

**Hymn:**            *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*    *UMH #715*                            *All*

## Opening Prayer:

Dear God, Creator, Holy One, fill our hearts with the reign of your love and grace.

**In Christ, help us let go of the busyness and frivolousness of our daily lives which sometimes pulls us away from your Kingdom.**

Help us keep divine priorities first. Remind us how much we are loved.

**Forgive us when we wander away or become distracted by the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. And, forgive us when we are hard on ourselves; remind us that self-care is important. Guide us to care for those who are in need. Help us share your never-ending love with others. We give thanks. Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace

### Children's Moment

### Kids' Club (Formerly known as Sunday School;-)

All kids are invited to come downstairs for a time of fun and adventure.

## THE WORD

### Psalm 23

### John 18:33-37

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

**Message**            *"My kingdom does not belong to this world"*                            *Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**Special Music**        *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Harry Rowe Shelley*

*Sung by: Pastor Penny Bonsell and Tom Hollenhorst*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn**                    *Jesus Shall Reign*    *UMH #157*                    *All*

### **Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People**

Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to Christ whom you have anointed priest forever and ruler of creation.

**Grant that all the people of the Earth now divided by the power of sin may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen**

**Offering**            *"He Is Exalted" by Twila Paris arr. Mark Hayes*

*Luann Alderks*

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

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of majesty and power, you have dominion over all the universe, and yet you chose to rule not in power but in love. The gifts we give to you are not given from fear or in petition for your favor, but in the deepest gratitude for all your blessings that keep us and sustain us. **May our whole lives reflect to the world that there is one who rules us with love and compassion, above all this world's nations and principalities. In the name of your Son, the Christ, 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**                    *God of Grace and God of Glory*    *UMH#577*                    *All*

## SENDING

Beloved, may God bless you with the wisdom to discern the truth as you follow Christ, who testifies to the truth by embodying Love in all times and in all places.

Christ of goes with you and you with the Christ of always and everywhere. **Amen.**

**Go in hope, peace, joy and love! Shalom.**

## **INFORMATION**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Today** right after Church: **Church/Charge Conference**

Mon. Nov. 25, 7pm: Choir practice in the sanctuary - All are welcome!

Tues. Nov. 26, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

Wed. Nov. 27, 9:00-10:30 am: Pastor Penny **not** at James Gang Coffee

Wed. Nov. 27, 5:30-7:00 pm: **No** Soup Supper and Book study, *The Book of Forgiving*

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

Sun. Dec. 1, Advent begins Hanging of the Greens Service

Sat. Dec. 7, 11-5 pm: Little Prairie ringing for Salvation Army at Cub Foods

Fri. Dec.13, 5:30-8:00 pm: Confirmation and Youth Group

Sat. Dec 14, 10-12:00 pm: Christmas Program practice

Sat. Dec 14, 11am: Christmas crafts

Sun. Dec.15, Children/Youth Christmas Program

Mon. Dec 16, 7pm: Admin board meeting

Sat. Dec. 21, 9-12:00 pm Christmas Bake Sale

Tues. Dec. 24, 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

See our website for more details at [www.littleprairieumc.org](http://www.littleprairieumc.org).

Website



Online Giving



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