

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
March 30, 2025, 9:30 a.m.



Lost and Found

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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 *Think About His Love* by Walt Harrah arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

When we struggle to live as you teach us, and we fail to answer your call...

God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

When the truth clogs up in our throat, and we fear what will happen if we speak and if we keep silent...

God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

When we open our hearts and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely...

God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience...

God, your steadfast love surrounds us today and every day. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

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

Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* *UMH #384*

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Opening Prayer

Loving God, it was said of the Prodigal Son that he “came to himself.”

Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to You.

Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect
so that we might be more fully human.

Help us not to chase after an imaginary life,

and to find satisfaction in our real lives.

And turn us away from our self-rejection

so that we might notice Your arms open in welcome. Amen.

Adapted from Ann Siddall,

Sharing the Peace

Children’s Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 63:1-8

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

These are the Words of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Amazing Grace

UMH #378

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Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

God, we admit that we are prone to try to hide our sins; to keep our mouths shut and hope we are not found out. But there is no place to hide from you. Our silence only makes us sick in body and spirit. But you delight in forgiving us and in covering our sin. You are glad when we confess our failings and our needs.

Hide us, O God, from trouble; teach us the way we should go. Deliver us from our own stubbornness, and draw us near, we pray. Amen.

Written by Valerie Bridgeman Davis in The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 147.

Offering

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Little Prairie Choir

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. Like the prodigal, we long to feel your embrace and live in the light of your grace. As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. **Clear the clogs in our lives that separate us from you and one another and help us see the rainbow of your promise even in our struggles. Bless these gifts and our lives so that we may share your steadfast love with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

And the Prayer Christ gives 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

Living for Jesus TFWS # 2149

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SENDING

May God's grace go ahead of you, trail behind you, and encircle you each and every moment, that with every move you make you would know with absolute assurance that God's steadfast love will never leave you alone. May 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. **Amen.**

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

Postlude

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Upcoming Events:

April 1, 8:30 am Breakfast Club, L&M...no Joke!

April 2, 9:00-10:30 am Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee Shop

April 3, 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper and every Wed. through April 9th

April 4, 5:30-8:00 pm Confirmation and Youth Group

April 5, 9-11:00 am Soul Sisters (See Theresa for details)

April 11, 3-8:00 pm Fish Dinner

April 13, 9:30 am Palm Sunday

April 17, 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday

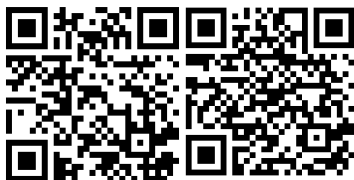
April 18, 7:00 pm Good Friday

April 20, Easter Sunday

See our website for more details at 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