

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Native American Ministries Sunday**  
**May 4, 2025, 9:30 am**  
**Little Prairie United Methodist Church**



***“Feed My Sheep”***

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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**

*Prelude: "Be Still My Soul" Tune: Finlandia by Jean Sibelius*  
*arr. Mark Hayes*

*Luann Alderks*

**Welcome/Announcements**  
**Centering Time**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**Call to Worship:**

God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

**From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.**

God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

**In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children**

ravaged by war.

God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

**To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear.**

**Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day.**

*Written by Sally Johnson*

**Hymn:**

*Jesus Call Us      UMH # 398*

*All*

**Opening Prayer:**

God of love, we bring our very selves to worship.

**Our triumphs.**

Our failures.

**Our vulnerabilities.**

Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows.

**In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of Jesus urging us to feed and be fed, to love and be loved.**

**Amen.**

*Written by Sally Johnson*

**Sharing the Peace**

**Children's Moment**

## **THE WORD**

**Psalm 30**

**John 21:1-19**

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

**Message:**

*"Feed My Sheep."*

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn:**

*Christ Is Risen*

*UMH # 307*

*All*

**Joys/Concerns/Prayers of the People**

For the times we have cast our nets in familiar waters, yet found no sustenance,

**We remember the call to cast our nets on the other side, trusting in abundance.**

For the times we have consumed without thought, taking more than we need,

**We seek forgiveness and commit to living in harmony with the Earth and all its creatures.**

For the times we have forgotten the wisdom of our ancestors who taught us to honor the land,

**We ask for the strength to learn from Indigenous ways of knowing so that we might walk gently on this earth.**

For the times when we have neglected the call to "feed my sheep," focusing only on our own needs,

**We commit to nurturing all beings, recognizing our interconnectedness with the entire web of life.**

For the moments when we have seen the Earth as a resource to exploit rather than a gift to cherish,

**We pledge to protect and restore the lands, waters, and skies.**

For the times when our actions have harmed the Earth, the waters, and all living beings,

**We repent and turn toward sustainable and just practices that honor the sacredness of creation.**

For the times when we have silenced the voices of Indigenous communities,

**We vow to listen, learn, and stand in solidarity with those who protect Earth and its sacred ways.**

In the face of systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice,

**We commit to building new systems of care, reciprocity, and justice, guided by the wisdom of those who have come before us.**

As we envision a future where all of creation is united in praise,

**We dedicate ourselves to the work of food justice, ensuring that all beings have access to the nourishment they need to thrive.**

For the times when we feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of the task before us,

**We draw strength from Earth and trust its beings to help us.**

Together, let us move forward with courage,

**Committed to the flourishing of all life. In the name of justice, abundance, and peace, Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Geran Lorraine*

**Offering:** *"Give Me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual arr. Mark Hayes* *Luann Alderks*

**Doxology** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95* *All*

## **Holy Communion**

### **Lord's Table**

May the God of all be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

And the prayer which 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.**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup** *"Spirit Song" by John Simber* *Luann Alderks*  
*arr. Mark Hayes*

**Hymn:** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* *UMH # 453* *All*

## **SENDING**

Let us go from this place, casting the net of God's love wide. May we live our lives with the compassion and care of the one who includes all, the one who breathed the creation into being and looked around and declared it good. Very, very good. May the love of Christ be in your heart so that fragrance of love reaches others. **Amen.**

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

**Postlude:** *"Joy in My Soul" by Mark Hayes* *Luann Alderks*

## INFORMATION

### Upcoming Events:

**Friday, May 9, 5:30pm:** Confirmation and Youth Group

**Tues, May 13 1pm:** Finance Committee meeting

**Tues. May 20, 1pm:** Admin board meeting

**Sun. June 1, 9:30 am** New Member Sunday

**Sun. June 8, 9:30 am** Graduation Sunday

**Sundays,** Worship at 9:30 am

**Tuesdays, 8:30 am:** Breakfast Club, at L&M

**Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am:** Pastor Penny is at James Gang coffee shop

**Saturdays, 9:00 am** Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

**Fridays, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** 5:30-8:00 pm: Youth Group and Confirmation

**Music on the Prairie Wednesdays, 6-8 pm June, 18, July 16, August 20,**

beginning with The Old Country Boys in June. Food available

**Mon-Thurs., July 28-31, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm, VBS- Smore Jesus!**

Each evening we will have dinner, fun camping themed activities, with the campfire and s'mores.

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



**\*Sunday School age children/parents please grab your Fun Pages Pack which will be available at the back of the church (near the greeters) or on the front middle pew.**

**If you are ages 4-7, please take a canvas bag; if you are ages 8-10, please take an expandable file folder. Have fun!!**