Reign of Christ Sunday November 23, 2025, 9:30 am Little Prairie United Methodist Church



For I Was Hungry
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
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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

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Tune: St. George's Widsor by George J. Elvey
arr. Mark Hayes. Luann Alderks - Piano
"Let All Things Now Living" Tune: Ash Grove

Mel Henrichs - Hammered Dulcimer

Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time "Simple Gifts" Traditional Shaker Melody

Hammered Dulcimer - Mel Henrichs

Call to Worship:

Dear God, Creator, Holy One, we come today to 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 Love.

Help us keep Loving priorities first. Remind us how much we are loved. Help us see who needs love. 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.

Hymn of Praise: Hail to the Lord's Anointed UMH # 203 All

Opening Prayer:

Come once again, and feed your flock like a shepherd.

Come once again, and gather up the children, the oppressed, the sick, the lonely, the humble, and the rejected of the earth.

Turn our hearts to the least of your children, for if we lose them, we become lost.

Reconcile us to you and to those we have hurt.

On this Christ the King Sunday, join us together with neighbors, with strangers, and especially with our own household.

Bring us to your light in our time of darkness, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adapted from First Sunday of Advent Prayers and Litanies, posted on the Ministry Matters website, www.ministrymatters.com

Sharing of the Peace Children's Moment

THE WORD

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Matthew 14:15-21 Matthew 25:35-40

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

Message: For I Was Hungry Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn: A Place at the Table Worship & Song # 3149

All

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Lanthier

Food Access Coordinator for Northfield Community Action Center

Joys/Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Loving God, you have assured us that the days are surely coming when your people will know peace, your people will know justice, your people will know righteousness.

Confident in your promises, we proclaim with faith: The Lord is our righteousness.

You have assured us that a leader will come to rule with wisdom. We pray this day for those in particular need of justice, righteousness, and mercy.

We pray for the trampled, the ignored, the brushed aside. We pray for the home-less, the love-less, and the health-less.

We pray for leaders in governments, homes, communities, and schools, that they may know the influence of wisdom rather than power; and declare with faith:

The Lord is our righteousness.

You have assured us of the salvation and safety of your people. We pray this day for those who only know violence: those whose countries have been torn apart by invasion, civil war, and private armies, those whose communities have been forgotten by all but the warlords and gangs, those whose homes are places of danger and fear rather than sanctuary and love.

May they declare with certitude: The Lord is our righteousness. God of all creation we pray this day for the reign of Jesus the Christ. We pray that in the midst of chaos we might hear Jesus' word to us; that in the midst of heartache we might know Jesus' presence, and in the midst of a cacophony of voices we might proclaim: The Lord is our righteousness. Amen. (Jer. 23:5–6)

Offering: "Now Thank We All Our God" by Johann Cruger Hammered Dulcimer - Mel Henrichs

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Compassionate Shepherd, you do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide.

You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace.

As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair.

Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith—serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. Amen. (Jeremiah 23:1-6)

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.

Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign #157 All

SENDING

Though the days increase in their darkness, the Lord of light and love reigns supreme. May the power of God's love be in your hearts and reflected in your lives now and always. May a stranger 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 hope, peace, joy, and love. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude: "Come, Thou Almighty King" Tune: Italian Hymn by Felice de Giardini 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: Logan Crosby





Website Online Giving

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursdays, 5:30 pm Fall Bible Book Group. "Beatitudes for Today" by James C. Howell

Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Friday, Nov. 28, 5:30-8pm Youth Group

Sun. Nov. 30, 9:30 am Advent Begins! Hanging of the Greens Service

Sun. Dec. 14, 9:30 am Christmas Pageant Sat Dec 20, 9-11:00 am Bake Sale Wed. Dec 24, 4:30 pm Christmas Eve service

We are providing an on-going donation bin for CAC in our entrance way. See our website for more details at www.littleprairieumc.org.