

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)

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.