

19th Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
September 29, 2024, 9:30 a.m.



“Seasoning Salt”

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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	<i>"He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought" by William B. Bradbury arr. Mark Hayes</i>	<i>Luann Alderks</i>
Welcome		<i>Pastor Penny Bonsell</i>
Centering Time	<i>Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	<i>Becky Gillette</i>

Call to Worship

God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love. My spirit answers, here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.

Then let us gather, old and young, small and great, to dream God's dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds.

Here we are, Lord. Shine the light of your love on us.

Kindle your Spirit within us. Work your redeeming will in us, that the world may be one through the power of your love.

Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* TFWS#2171

All

Opening Prayer:

We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken because of our sin of exclusion.

We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of despair, the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

We confess that the circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity or a hardening of the heart.

We confess that the circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.

Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit.

Let us rejoice and be glad! Glory to God! Amen

(MIRIAM THERESE WINTER, U.S.A., 20TH CENT., ALT.)

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. Leading today's session are Karen and Ross Nelson. Next week's leaders are Ruthi and Mel Henrichs

THE WORD

Psalm 124

Mark 9:38-50

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

Message

"Seasoning Salt"

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Special Music *"When the Roll Is Called", "I'll Fly Away" and "When We All Get to Heaven"*
Becky Gillette and Mel Henrichs, hammered and mountain dulcimers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *Shalom To You* *UMH # 666* *All*

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

O God, your power and might are great, and your mercy is poured out on us whom you love. We have been entrusted with the way of life, through your Word.

But sometimes we become puffed up with our own importance that we ignore the simplest acts of mercy. You have called us to be like salt, adding flavor to life.

Yet sometimes we lose our sense of mission and cease to be all you have called us to be.

Deliver us from judgement and forgive our sin that we may live forever in your presence and sing your praises for eternity.

By the gift of your Spirit, help us to see that we share your task of seasoning others with love and peace in the name of Jesus. We lift up before you this day our brothers and sisters who are in distress. We lift up those who are in the midst of war. Be with those who suffer and mourn. Guide us to be loving stewards of our home, beautiful planet earth.

Hear and answer us, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*
Becky Gillette and Mel Henrichs, hammered and mountain dulcimers

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of the beginning, God of now, and God of what will be; in your claiming us as your own, you have given us the most gracious and powerful invitation – to pray to lift all that weighs on our hearts, with the confidence that you will hear.

As we offer gifts to you this morning, we pray that you will dedicate them so that they might bring love, compassion, joy, and mercy to people who are in need. Then remind us that we are not done until we have offered to you the prayers of our hearts. In the name of Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

And the Prayer that 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 *Bring Forth the Kingdom of God TFWS # 2190*

All

SENDING

Let us go out into the world, sprinkling the seasoning of love and peace, knowing that we are your children and baptized in your Holy Spirit. Let us walk in love and unity, so that a stranger sees in us a friend and neighbor. God sends you, the Spirit fills you. Christ goes with you and you with Christ always and everywhere. **Amen.**

Go in love, peace and joy! Shalom.

Postlude *Becky Gillette and Mel Henrichs, hammered and mountain dulcimers*

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: Tom Hollenhorst

Upcoming Events

Tues. October 1, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L&M; (every Tuesday)

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 13 2:00 pm: Apple Picking at Nelson's Apple Farm

See our website for more details at www.littleprairieumc.org.

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