

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
February 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m.



Then he sat down and taught...from the boat

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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

"Breathe" by Marie Barnett arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

God, help us leave everything and follow.

Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

God, help us leave everything and follow.

Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you follow?

God, help us leave everything and follow.

Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today we answer Christ's call together!

God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go!

Amen.

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

Hymn of Praise

Jesus Calls Us UMH #398

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Opening Prayer

Some have come under compulsion.

Some have come out of curiosity.

Some have come out of a great need.

Some have come out of tradition.

Some have come to dedicate their new outfit.

All will meet Jesus.

All will have the opportunity to be blessed.

All will decide what to do, having met Jesus. May we decide to follow him. Amen.

Written by T. Anne Daniel

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 138

Luke 5:1-11

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

Message *Then he sat down and taught...from the boat*

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

The Summons

TFWS #2130

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Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

Through your Spirit, we rest in the assurance of your acceptance.

Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

Through your Spirit, we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future
or pull back from the demand of your calling.

Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past,
to acknowledge your grace in the present moment,
and to trust you for our future.

Through your Spirit, we offer ourselves in discipleship. We come together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.

Adapted from Prayers and Readings for Worship, Volume 2, Peter Judd, ed.

Offering

"Amazing Grace" From Virginia Harmony arr. Martha Mier

Luann Adlerks

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ever-faithful God, who calls us into the deep waters of faith and trust, we offer these gifts with open hearts. Transform our offerings into acts of love and service, so that we may catch glimpses of your kingdom and draw others into your embrace.

Guide us to live deeply and follow Christ's call to be fishers of people in your abundant grace. 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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus TFWS #2129

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SENDING

As you go into the coming days, remember: You do not go alone. God's faithful love goes with you. No matter what you are facing, God is with you. So go from here, strong in the knowledge that God's loving presence goes with you. 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 joy, peace and love. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude

"Here I Am, Lord" by Daniel L. Schutte arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Upcoming events

Tues Feb 11, 8:30 am Breakfast Club, L&M

Tues. Feb 11, 1pm Finance committee meeting

Wed. Feb 12, 9-10:30 am Pastor Penny at James Gang Coffee

Sat. Feb 15, 9:00am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Tues. Feb 18, 1pm Admin board meeting

Fri. Feb 21, 5:30pm Confirmation and Youth Group

Fri. April 11, 3-8:00 pm Fish Dinner

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

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