All Saints Day Sunday
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
November 1, 2026, 9:30 a.m.



Blessed, on Earth as it is in Heaven

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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 *Debbie Richman*

Welcome *Pastor Penny Bonsell*

Centering Time *Debbie Richman*

Call to Worship
We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:
We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.
We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:
We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.
Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.
We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

Hymn: *Gather Us In (TFWS #2236)* ***All***

Opening Prayer:
God, our Teacher, please instruct us in the ways of humility and love.
Help us to live in community with one another rather than in competition with each other.
Give us your heart for serving our neighbor.
Assure us of your abiding presence and release us from the hierarchies of this world. May your kingdom, your *kin-dom* come with power and gentleness as we strive to live as embodied witnesses of the good news in Christ Jesus. Amen.
Adapted from Cheryl A. Lindsay on the Worship Ways website of the United Church of Christ

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

Lighting Candles and Remembrance of Saints by Name

Litany of Rembrance
Living God, our Guide and Guardian, who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saintswhose witness has shaped our lives who now rest in the shelter of your embrace. As we remember those saints who have died and entered

into glory during the last twelve months, we remember their witness to your love and grace with joy and gratitude.

As each name is called, a bell is rung and family member(s) lights a candle in honor of each person as they are able.

We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints, and rejoice that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence. We also remember those saints who we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time, yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your disciples. We honor them now by lifting their names aloud or in our hearts. On this All Saints Sunday, we remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future. And so, we proclaim:

We are God's children, witnesses of God's word that is at work in us and in the saints who have gone before. Today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at Christ's heavenly banquet. Amen. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

THE WORD

Psalm 43

Prayer to God in Time of Trouble

1 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people;
from those who are deceitful and unjust,
deliver me!
2 For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you cast me off?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?
3 O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;

let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.
4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely[b] on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
Read full chapter

a. 5.1 Gk *he*
b. 5.11 Other ancient authorities lack *falsely*

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

Message *Blessed on Earth as it in Heaven* *Pastor Penny Bonsell*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *For All the Saints* *(UMH #711)* ***All***

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Beloved, we are God's children now, but what we will be in the fullness of our time has not been revealed. What we do know is this: we will be like Jesus the Christ and saints of God. Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us and pray to be more like the Christ in every way. Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God…We pray,

May we be more like Jesus.

Jesus fed those who were hungry…We pray,

May we be more like Jesus.

Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded…We pray,

May we be more like Jesus.

Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need…We pray,

May we be more like Jesus.

Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness…We pray,

May we be more like Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now.

The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering, and the nature of Christ is revealed within us. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day, living witness to the good news of God's grace. Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people, saints and instruments of God's way. Amen.

Adapted from "All Saints Day (Year A)," posted on **Seasons Online**. . Reposted on the re:Worship blog at https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/10/prayer-of-confession-1-john-3-1-3.html.

Offering *Debbie Richman*

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 in which Christ 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

Hymn *Bring Forth the Kingdom (TFWS # 2190)* ***All***

SENDING

May God bless you with reminders of the saints who have gone before so that, inspired by their witness, you may live as witnesses to Love here and now. And may God surround you with the assurance that nothing—neither life, nor death, nor anything else in all creation—can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. God sends *you.* The Spirit fills you. Christ of goes with you and you with the Christ of always and everywhere. Amen.
Go in hope, peace joy and love! Shalom.

Postlude *Debbie Richman*

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am
Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M
Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm Fall Book Study Philippians thru Nov.18
9-10:30 am James Gang coffee shop with Pastor Penny
Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Sun. Nov. 1, after worship- LP Endowment and Legacy Planning Informational Session
Sat. Nov. 21, 3-7 pm Ham Dinner Supporting CAC local food shelves
Sun. Nov. 29, 9:30 am Hanging of the Greens service Advent begins
7:00 pm Cluster Charge Conference at Little Prairie
Thurs. Dec 24, 4:00 pm Candle light Christmas Eve Service

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