

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
August 24, 2025, 9:30 am**



Keeping the Sabbath.

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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

*"Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone) by John Newton,
Chris Tomlin, & Louis Giglio, arr. Mark Hayes*

Luann Alderks

**Welcome
Centering Time**

Rev. Mel Henrichs

Call to Worship

Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.

We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2025.

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name UMH #154 (vs 1,2,4, &6)

All

Opening Prayer

Listening God,

Hear our prayers as we come before you.

Hear the ones who are crying with pain in their heart.

Hear the ones who are weeping with grief long into the night.

Hear the ones who are sobbing in their loneliness.

Loving God,

Heal their pain.

Restore their lives.

Mend their broken hearts.

Leading God,

Lead us through the dark valleys.

Lead us through troublesome times.

Lead us to our home with you.

Teach us to listen to your voice,

That we may hear the cry of the needy and respond.

Teach us to love that

We may offer care that brings others to you for healing.

Teach us to lead,

With your vision so that we lead others home in you.

Amen

Adapted from Rev Abi and posted on Rev Abi's Long and Winding Road blog.

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 103:1-8

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Luke 13:10-17

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

Message

“Keeping the Sabbath”

Rev. Mel Henrichs

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill TFWS # 2213

All

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.

Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often, we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far.

Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

Written by Rev Mindi

Offering

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" by H. Percy Smith arr. Tedd Smith

Luann Alderks

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (UMC #95)

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve.

Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. 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 have 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH #526

All

SENDING

Dear Beloved, 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 love, joy, hope and peace. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude

"Lord of the Dance" by Sydney Carter 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

Saturdays, 9:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Sunday Sept. 14, 9:30 am Cowboy Church

Saturday, Sept. 20, 12-6:30pm Dundas Oktoberfest Family Friendly Community
Event

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

Welcome new Soundboard technician- Logan Crosby

Church Landscaping for information and bids see Tom S