

# Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Little Prairie United Methodist Church

September 21, 2025, 9:30 a.m.



Whoever can be trusted with very little  
can also be trusted with much, ...

– Luke 16:10 (NIV)

## ***“True Riches”***

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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**     *"More Precious than Silver" by Lynn DeShazo arr. Mark Hayes*

*Words for Meditation: FWS #2065*

*Luann Alderks*

**Centering Time**

**Welcome**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

## **Call to Worship**

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

**We gather to worship with joy and in hope.**

Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

**We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.**

Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

**We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.**

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

**We are here to worship with all that we are.**

*Derek C. Weber, February 2022*

## **Hymn of Praise**

*Jesus Calls Us UMH #398*

*All*

## **Opening Prayer**

Masters,

**two and more,**

competing for our money

**clamoring for our time**

creating chaos in our lives.

**Master, one God, quiet us and draw us near. Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

## **Children's Moment**

## **THE WORD**

**Jeremiah 8:18-9:1**

**(Psalm 79:1-9)**

**Luke 16:1-13**

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

## **Message**

*"True Riches"*

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

## **Hymn**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (UMH # 206)*

*All*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

### **Prayers of the People**

Everlasting God, we must confess there are times when we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them.

**You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet sometimes we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.**

Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things, other activities, other relationships, other gods. Sometimes we ignore the cries of the poor, the lost, those in need and shut the doors of our hearts to them.

**Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve other gods and worship them. Heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us. Amen.**

**Offering**     *"Purify My Heart" by Jeff Nelson arr. by Jeff Nelson*     *Luann Alderks*

**Doxology**     *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*     *UMH #95*     *All*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy giver of all good blessings, we find ourselves under a debt we can never overcome. Every blessing we have received or hope to receive comes from your generosity. The gifts we bring to you this morning pale in comparison to the bottom line of our ledger.

**Yet you manage your kingdom on a different economic model – one where the equity is grace, forgiveness, compassion, mercy, and justice . Love is your currency. And so, we pray in the name of Jesus. 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**     *Take my Life and Let it Be (UMH #399)*     *All*

## **SENDING**

Go now, in the blessing of God who covers you, protects you, delivers you, and helps you that you might reflect God's glory as you love and serve others. May the Christ in you be fully present; so that even a stranger will 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. God Bless!

**Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude        *"Living for Jesus" by C. Harold Lowdeen arr. Julia Tsien*

*Words for Meditation: FWS #2149*

*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

**Thursdays, 5:30pm** Fall Bible Book Group. "Beatitudes for Today" by James C. Howell

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

**Friday, Oct. 10, 5:30-8pm:** Youth Group

**Sat, Nov. 22:** Ham Dinner

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