

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
September 28, 2025, 9:30 a.m.



Safe in the Shelter of Loving Wings

Little Prairie United Methodist Church
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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
Centering Time

"On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas arr. Mark Hayes
Luann Alderks

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.

We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.

We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.

Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.

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

Hymn of Praise

Children of the Heavenly Father UMH #141

All

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children,

We praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us.

In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.

We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love: for all your blessings, we bless you.

May we live as in your presence,

**And love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Written by St. Boniface (ca. 672-754).

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 91

Luke 16:19-31

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

Message

"Safe in the Shelter of Loving Wings"

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Hymn

On Eagle's Wings #787 ELW

All

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our anxious thoughts. Point out anything in us that offends You, and guide us on the road to life.

(Time of silence and instrumental On Eagle's Wings)

O Lord, You have examined our hearts and know everything about us. You know when we sit down or stand up. You know our thoughts from afar.

You see when we walk or lie down, You know every detail of our conduct. You even know what we are going to say before we say it.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, too great for us to understand. Cleanse us from hidden faults.

Keep us from deliberate sins. Don't let them control us. Then we will be free of guilt, and innocent of serious wrongdoing.

Listen to the promise of God:

Those who love Me, I will deliver.

I will protect those who know My name.

When they call to Me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble.

I will rescue them and honor them,

and show them my saving power.

Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love!

We rejoice because You have rescued us!

Amen.

Adapted from the re:Worship blog, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/litany-of-confession.html>.

Offering *"It Is Well With My Soul" Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE by Philip P. Bliss*

arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

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

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sheltering God, our refuge and relief, you draw near when the wilderness is too much, when the heat of the day drains our hope. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your abiding love, a love that does not always keep us from trouble but never leaves us to face it alone.

May what we give today bring shade to the weary, hope to the hurting, and a glimpse of the salvation you are always working out in us and through us. In gratitude and faith, we offer these gifts. Amen. (Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16)

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

The Holy Wings, O Savior UMH #613 ELW

All

Sending

Receive again the promises of God: "Because you cling to me, I will deliver you; I will protect you because you acknowledge my name. You shall call upon me, and I will answer you. I will be with you in times of trouble; I will deliver you and glorify you and will show you my salvation." Go from here with peace and confidence, knowing that God 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. God Bless! **Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" by Stuart Townend with "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" by Charles H. Gabriel arr. Carol Tornquist

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 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details) (No Soul Sisters Oct 4)

Fri. Oct. 10, 5:30 pm Youth Group-Parent meeting

Sun. Oct. 12, 2:00 pm: Apple picking at Nelson's Apple Farm for CAC food shelves

Fri. Oct. 24, 5:15-7:00 pm Dundas Trunk or Treat

Sat. Oct 25, 5-6 pm Little Prairie Trunk or Treat

Sat. Nov. 22, 4-8 pm Annual Ham Dinner, proceeds benefit CAC food shelves

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

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