

All Saints Sunday
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
November 2, 2025, 9:30 a.m.



Do to Others...

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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

"Give Thanks" by Henry Smith arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

We give thanks!

We remember music leaders, choir members, all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

We give thanks!

We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

We give thanks!

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

We give thanks!

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

We give thanks!

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

Adapted from Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto and posted on LiturgyLink,

Hymn:

For All the Saints

(UMH #711)

All

Opening Prayer:

Sovereign of Creation, all that we have comes from you. We gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

people from every tribe and nation, every kindred and tongue, to lift our voices in praise,

to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet.

Receive the praise we offer, work in us and through us.

You alone are holy, you alone are the Most High, you alone are worthy of our praise.

Glory to you, O God, and to the Lamb, our Shepherd, and to the Spirit that unites us all,

today and ever more. Amen.

Adapted from Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment

Lighting Candles and Remembrance of Saints by Name

Royce Code, Ervin Swartwoudt, and Carolyn Williams

"Faith Of Our Fathers" by Frederick William Faber arr. Lorie Line

Luann Alderks

THE WORD

Psalm 149

Luke 6:20-31

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

Message

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Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing (UMH # 519)

All

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us.

We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do.

In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One –comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

A time of silence

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us.

Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God’s mercy, grace, and love! Amen!

Adapted from Rev. Lucas Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico.

Offering *"Faith" by Mark Hayes* *Luann Alderks*

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 *"Blest Are They" by David Haas arr. Jeanne Cotter*
Luann Alderks

Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* (UMH #529) *All*

SENDING

Beloved, you are children of God, united as family with the saints of every tribe, nation, language, and generation. Go forth now in the Way that Jesus teaches, that you may love

and live this Way of Love. 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 *"For All the Saints" Tune: Sine Nomine by Ralph Vaughan Williams*
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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: No Pastor Penny is at James Gang coffee shop

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

Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Sun. Nov 16, 10:30 am All Church Charge Conference

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

Sun. Nov. 30, 9:30 am Advent Begins! Hanging of the Greens Service