Fourth Sunday of Easter
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
April 26, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

He Calls By Name

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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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is - arr. by Gregory Hamilton*
Marcia Yernberg

Welcome *Pastor Penny Bonsell*

Centering Time

Call to Worship
Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.
We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.
We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.
We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.
We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.
We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.
Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.
We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

Hymn: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (UMH #138)* ***All***

Opening Prayer
Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us.
When we face darkness and death, journey beside us.
When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.
When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.
Adapted from Mary Petrina Boyd and posted on Ministry Matters, http://www.ministrymatters.com/.

Sharing the Peace
Children's Moment

THE WORD

Scriptures:
Psalm 100
John 10:1-10

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

Message *He Calls By Name* *Pastor Penny Boonsell*

Hymn*:* *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (UMH # 629)* ***All***

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concerns/Prayers of the People
God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships –with you and with others.
We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others.
We have failed to be generous with the poor and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice.
We feel the stains of our sins, God; have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
Wash the sinfulness out of us and help us to live more faithfully as your servants.
We seek your unfailing Lordship and ask for your guiding hand on our lives.
You are the immortal, invisible One; to you be honour and glory forever; amen.
Assurance of Pardon
Merciful and loving God, we thank you for never losing hope for us.
When we are lost, you are there on the lookout for us,
bringing us back to you like the good shepherd that you are.
Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us.
May this joy flow into our lives each day, and be faithfully reflected into the world around us. Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd.
Posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website, http://presbyterian.ca/worship/.

Offering *Larghetto - G. F. Handel* *Marcia Yernberg*

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH # 95)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Faithful Shepherd, who calls us by name, you invite us into a life that is rich in meaning, deep in joy, and bold in compassion. You speak, and we long to follow although the world is noisy and the path unclear. In this moment of offering, we quiet our hearts to listen again. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you.
May they be used to bring abundance to others, to feed the hungry, to strengthen the lost, and to proclaim your voice of love. In coming and going, in worship and service, make us more like Christ, in whose name we give and pray. Amen. *(John 10:1-10)*
And the prayer which 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.

Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (UMH # 381)* ***All***

SENDING

Beloved, may God bless you with open hearts and minds so that together we may pay attention, discern, and follow your Shepherd's voice, for that is the way that leads to abundant life on earth as it is in heaven. 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 hope, peace, joy and love. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude *Fantasia - G. F. Handel* *Marcia Yernberg*

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 Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions, Nurture and Outreach: Barb Liebenstein, Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst

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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: Pastor Penny at James Gang coffee shop
Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Sat. May 2, 10 am -12, noon Tea on the Prairie
Wed. June 10, 6-8 pm, Music on the Prairie, Old Country Boys (Food available at 5:30)

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