

# West Prairie Free Lutheran Church

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost – September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Prelude – Welcome – Announcements

### Call to Worship

Psalm 104:33-35

*I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!*

Hymn Praise to the Father, the Glorious King 140

### Praises and Prayer Requests

### Confession of Sin

*Lord, we confess to you that we have sinned against you with our hands, our mouths, and our thoughts. We have failed to love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds and have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Not only have we done what you prohibit, we have failed to do what you have commanded. We are sorry and ask for your forgiveness. Amen.*

### Declaration of Grace

Worship in Song Projected

Scripture Readings Genesis 50:15-21 Pew Bible 43  
Matthew 18:21-35 Pew Bible 823

Confession of Faith Augsburg Confession Ar. 2 Hymnal p. 80

### Offering

Hymn Thy Word, O Lord, Like Gentle Dews 265

Message Creation Waits. Jesus Delivers Romans 8:18-39  
Pew Bible 944

Hymn The Vision of a Dying World 323

### The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Doxology Hymn 390

## This week at West Prairie (September 17 – September 24)

TODAY 5:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social  
Wed 5:45 p.m. Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group  
Sun 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MISSIONS TIDBIT** In many countries, westerners are not allowed. Different organizations involved in translating the Bible are providing nationals with the tools and training they need to translate God's Word without the help of outsiders. Pray that they be faithful and productive in this task.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** Tonight is the night! Invite your friends, come, serve, and enjoy!

**ENDINGS AND NEW BEGINNINGS** West Prairie Lutheran became a church in 1891. Right from the start, the Women of West Prairie had a very important and vital part in the functions of the church. Now, 132 years later, it is time to pass the baton to the next generation. Effective December 31, 2023, WMF will cease to exist but the work of the women of the church will continue in a new and different way. We look forward to see who will take up the baton and what that new way will be. Please thank the women who have served faithfully for generations to fulfill the mission of West Prairie Free Lutheran Church.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

17<sup>th</sup> - Madison Strand  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Jack Woodbury  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Amy Bakken  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Evelyn Woodbury

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

19<sup>th</sup> – Bryce & Tracy Woodbury  
20<sup>th</sup> – Kent & Sarah Sannes

Wi-Fi password: Judges12:6  
Reader next Sunday: Shawnette Kommer  
Ushers next Sunday: The Larsen Family  
Custodians for September: Wade & Todd Woodbury

If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. If you have any questions or needs, call Pastor Ryan at 701-429-7101

“No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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