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**Apostles' Creed** .....page 85

**Prayer**

*Sharing of the Peace.*

*You may be seated.*

**Offering**

*Please stand.*

**Offertory, Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God** .....page 96

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**Pastor:** Go in peace, serve the Lord

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**Closing Hymn, Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus** ..... Grey Hymn Book #621

*Purple Note request by Ruth Sheldon*

**Postlude**

**Pastor: Steven Bang**

**Organist/Pianist: Ruth Sheldon**

**Usher: Wendell Finer**

**Acolyte: Paris Reimann**

**Lectionary: Lanette Branstad**

**.... Announcements ....**

**Today**

- Noon potluck dinner
- 1 p.m. Annual meeting
- 7 p.m. Youth Group

**Wednesday, January 13**

- 3 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 7 p.m. Bible Study

**Next Sunday, January 17**

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 7 p.m. Youth Group

**Prayer List**—Kylie Holst, Marlas Reimann, Barb Miller, Angela Haugen, Marlys Haugen, Mike Haack, Roger Peterson, Dale Zingg, Dorothy Kall, Ben Charlson, Monte Branstad, Blanche Durby, Eldora Reil. All prayer requests can be submitted to: [www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer](http://www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer); leave message on church answering system @641-567-3733; or called in to Pastor Steve @ 641-581-2868.

**2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**

**West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC**

**Prelude**

**Pastoral Greeting**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness** ..... page 77

**Opening Praise Hymn, We Have Come into His House**



1. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to  
 2. So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and  
 3. Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and



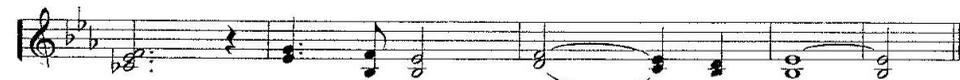
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Lord. Worship Him Christ the Lord.

**Kyrie** ..... page 78

**Hymn of Praise, Glory to God in the Highest** ..... page 79

**Prayer of the Day**

**All: Lord God, You showed Your glory and led many to faith by the works of Your Son. As He brought gladness and healing to His people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in Him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5  
Zion’s Glory and New Name**

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not keep quiet, until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, and her salvation like a torch that is burning. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you will be called by a new name which the mouth of the LORD will designate.

You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. It will no longer be said to you, “Forsaken,” nor to your land will it any longer be said, “Desolate”; but you will be called, “My delight is in her,” and your land, “Married”; for the LORD delights in you, and *to Him* your land will be married.

For *as* a young man marries a virgin, *so* your sons will marry you; and *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, *so* your God will rejoice over you.

**Psalms 128 (responsively)**

L: Happy are they all who fear the Lord,

**C: and who follow in His ways!**

L: You shall eat the fruit of your labor;

**C: happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

L: Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,

**C: your children like olive shoots round about your table.**

L: The man who fears the Lord

**C: shall thus indeed be blessed.**

L: The Lord bless you from Zion,

**C: and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.**

L: May you live to see your children’s children;

**C: may peace be upon Israel.**

**SECOND LESSON: I Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. You know that when you were pagans, *you were* led astray to the mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed”; and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

**Alleluia** .....page 83

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11**

**Response: Glory to You, O Lord**..... page 83

**Miracle at Cana**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” So they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now and take it to the headwaiter.” So they took it *to him*. When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom, and said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first, and when *the people* have drunk freely, *then he serves* the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now.” This beginning of *His* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

**Response: Praise to You, O Christ** ..... page 83  
*You may be seated.*

**SERMON: Pastor Steve Bang**

“Life Is Precious” Psalm 139:13-16

“Just think, you’re here not by chance, but by God’s choosing. His hand formed you and made you the person you are. He compares you to no one else - you are one of a kind. You lack nothing that His grace can’t give you. He has allowed you to be here at this time in history to fulfill His special purpose for this generation.

**Hymn, Something Worth Living For** ..... Grey Hymn Book #638

## SERMON NOTES

“Life is Precious” - Psalm 139:13-16

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5. God made us to have \_\_\_\_\_ with Him on a daily basis.
6. Since we are \_\_\_\_\_ from the moment of conception, we need a \_\_\_\_\_ from the moment of conception. We have one!
7. Medical science has proven that a baby’s \_\_\_\_\_ is already beating 18-21 days after conception. Brain waves are functioning as early as 40 days.
8. How did we come to the place in our society where we destroy the lives of millions of babies every year? King \_\_\_\_\_ gives us a clue in I Kings.
9. Solomon \_\_\_\_\_ from the one true living God to the worship of Ashtoreth and Molech. Sound familiar? Our whole society has \_\_\_\_\_ away from devotion to God and has turned its heart to pursue these same gods.
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