

Announcements

Today

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, February 17

3 p.m. Confirmation Class

6 p.m. Soup Supper @ Sion

7:15 p.m. Lenten Service @ Sion

Next Sunday, February 28

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship Service

7 p.m. Youth Group

Special Offering will be held next Sunday for the Gideon Ministry. Speaker will be Jerry Fjeld.

Save the date — March 20, 2-4 p.m. at Creative Spirits painting class! See poster on Fellowship Hall bulletin board for more info.

Don't forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars!

Prayer List—Shirley Hanson, Mandy Carlson, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffett, Kylie Holst, Marlas Reimann, 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; leave message on church answering system @641-567-3733; or called in to Pastor Steve @ 641-581-2868.

Second Sunday in Lent

West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC

11 a.m., February 21, 2016

Pastor Steve Bang

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgivenesspage 77

Opening Hymn, I Love Your Kingdom, Lord..... LBW #368

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise, Glory to God in the Highestpage 79

Prayer of the Day

All: Heavenly Father, it is Your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from Your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of Your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 26:8-15

When Jeremiah finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You must die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD saying, ‘This house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered about Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and sat in the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’s *house*. Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the officials and to all the people, saying, “A death sentence for this man! For he has prophesied against this city as you have heard in your hearing.”

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your deeds and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will change His mind about the misfortune which He has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands; do with me as is good and right in your sight. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

Psalm 4(responsively)

Evening Prayer of Trust in God

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress;

C: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

L: O sons of men, how long will my honor become a reproach?

C: How long will you love what is worthless and aim at deception? Selah.

L: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself;

C: The LORD hears when I call to Him.

L: Tremble, and do not sin;

C: Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

L: Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,

C: And trust in the LORD.

L: Many are saying, "Who will show us *any* good?"

C: Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O LORD!

L: You have put gladness in my heart,

C: More than when their grain and new wine abound.

L: In peace I will both lie down and sleep,

C: For You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* appetite, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long *to see*, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

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GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:31-36

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

Just at that time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, "Go away, leave here, for Herod wants to kill You." And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I reach My goal.' Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next *day*; for

it cannot be that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *the city* that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen *gathers* her brood under her wings, and you would not *have it!* Behold, your house is left to you *desolate*; and I say to you, you will not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

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

SERMON: Pastor Steve Bang

"Stand Firm in the Lord." Philippians 3:20-4:1

Hymn, *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*LBW #356
Please stand.

Apostles' Creedpage 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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Benediction page 97

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* LBW #259

Postlude

Pastor: Steven Bang

Organist/Pianist: Ruth Sheldon

Usher: Gene Fjeld

Acolyte: Easton Jacobs

Lectionary: Lori Jacobs

SERMON NOTES

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