

Announcements

Today

Noon, Bible Study Club
7 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, March 24

7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service @ Sion

Friday, March 25

7:15 p.m. Good Friday Service @ WP

Next Sunday, March 27

7 a.m. Easter Worship Service
8 a.m. Breakfast
7 p.m. Youth Group

The Bible Study Club will meet today following worship service. Everyone is welcome to share in a potluck dinner, fellowship and a showing “War Room.”

Gideon’s Prison Ministry will be traveling to Fort Dodge on Wednesday, March 30. We will be leaving from Bill’s parking lot at 4 p.m. Ladies are also welcome. Contact Roger Peterson at 641-592-1451 before March 23 if you plan to go.

Like to read? Some good books are available on the table in Fellowship Hall.

WOW quilters are in need of new or gently used material. Donations can be left on the tables in the basement quilting rooms. Thanks!

Don’t forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars before March 31.!

Easter Lillies— Anyone wanting to place lilies in the church, in memory of or in honor of a loved one, for Sunday, March 27, Easter worship service, please contact Lanette Branstad by March 20th so the order can be placed.

Painting Class at Creative Spirits, downtown Forest City, today from 2 to 4 p.m. Reservations can be to Jill Holland or online at Creative Spirits. Fee is \$35.00

Prayer List—Donnie Jensen (Rita Schutter’s father), 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 @ 641-590-7894.

Palm Sunday—Sunday of the Passion

West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC

11 a.m., March 20, 2016

Pastor Steve Bang

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgivenesspage 77

Opening Praise Hymns, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Grey Hymn Book #248

Kyriepage 78

Hymn of Praise, Glory to God in the Highestpage 79

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon Him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

“For the LORD will vindicate His people, and will have compassion on His servants, when He sees that *their* strength is gone, and there is none *remaining*, bond or free. “And He will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in which they sought refuge? Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you, let them be your hiding place! See now that I, I am He, and there is no god besides Me; it is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, and there is no one who can deliver from My hand.”

PSALMS 118:19-29 (responsively)

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C: I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD.

L: This is the gate of the LORD;

C: The righteous will enter through it.

L: I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me,

C: And You have become my salvation.

L: The stone which the builders rejected

C: Has become the chief corner stone.

L: This is the LORD’S doing;

C: It is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day which the LORD has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: O LORD, do save, we beseech You;

C: O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity!

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;

C: We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

L: The LORD is God, and He has given us light;

C: Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

L: You are my God, and I give thanks to You;

C: You are my God, I extol You.

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C: For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Return to the Lord, your God page 83

GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:12-19

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

On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel." Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT." These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him. So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify *about Him*. For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."

Response: Praise to You, O Christ page 83

You may be seated.

SERMON: Pastor Steve Bang

"A Look With Fresh Eyes " John 12:12-19

Hymn, All Glory, Laud and Honor Grey Hymn Book #249

Please stand.

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

Prayer..... page 96

The Lord's Prayer page 97

Benediction page 97

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, He Lives..... Grey Hymn Book # 299

Purple Note Request by Judy Norstrud

Postlude

Pastor: Steven Bang

Organist/Pianist: Ruth Sheldon

Usher: Jan/Julie Reimann

Acolyte: Paris Reimann

Lectionary: Denise Holst

SERMON NOTES

“A Look With Fresh Eyes” - John 12:12-19

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3. It was time for Jesus to do what he came to do. “The hour has come.” _____ was determining the timing, not man.
4. It was God’s _____ for Jesus to die at the same time as all the other sacrificial lambs at the Passover celebration. Jesus is our Passover Lamb.
5. Knowing what was before him: betrayal, suffering, death, he still _____ to come to Jerusalem. He was not the unwilling victim of a vicious plot.
6. The death he suffered was a sacrifice designed to make you part of his _____.
7. How easy it is for us to talk about the love of God. How difficult it is for us to _____ it.
8. God has a plan! His plan did not end with the _____ of Christ.
9. The fact that you may not _____ what is going on in your life at this time does not mean that God is not at work.
10. Our promise is that God knows what He is doing. You may not understand it but you can _____ Him.
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