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Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, Joyful, Joyful, We Adore TheeGrey Hymn Book #377

Postlude

Pastor: Rev. Steve Bang

Organist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Janell Carson

Usher: Caroll Carson

Acolyte: Paris Reimann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, May 1

11 a.m. Confirmation at Sion

6 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, May 3

7 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, May 4

7 p.m. Naomi Circle with Jill Holland

7 p.m. Sarah Circle with Janet Haugen

Next Sunday, May 8

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

6 p.m. Youth Group

Congregational meeting in the fellowship hall following worship service.

Prayer List—Lloyd Richards, Carver Moffat, Sam White, 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11 a.m., May 1, 2016

West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor Steve Bang

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

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Opening Hymn, Rejoice, the Lord is King!..... Grey Hymn Book #374

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise, This is the Feast page 81

Prayer of the Day

All: **O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of Your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by Your goodness help us to do them; 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: Acts 16:9-15

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So putting out to sea from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis; and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a *Roman* colony; and we were staying in this city for some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 67 (responsively)

L: God be gracious to us and bless us,

C: and cause His face to shine upon us.

L: That Your way may be known on the earth,

C: Your salvation among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: Let all the peoples praise You.

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;

C: For You will judge the peoples with uprightness And guide the nations on the earth.

L: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: Let all the peoples praise You.

L: The earth has yielded its produce;

C: God, our God, blesses us.

L: God blesses us,

C: That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names *were* written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. *There were* three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them *were* the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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GOSPEL LESSON: John 16:23-33

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

In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.

"These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father."

His disciples said, "Lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech. Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, an hour is coming, and has *already* come, for you to be scattered, each to his own *home*, and to leave Me alone; and *yet* I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

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

SERMON: Pastor Steve Bang

"The Worst and the Best Is Yet to Come" John 16:33

Hymn, Through It All Grey Hymn Book #43
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Prayer

Sharing of the Peace.

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Offering

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Communion Hymns, Grey Hymn Book #s 430, 428, 427, 439

SERMON NOTES

“The Worst and the Best is Yet to Come” - John 16:33

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