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Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought..... LBW #501

Postlude

Pastor: Steven Bang

Organist/Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Usher: Caroll Carson

Lectionary: Janell Carson

Acolyte: Paris Reimann

Announcements

Today

7 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, May 10

No Bible Study

Wednesday, May 11

9 a.m. WOW Quilters; noon lunch at Leland Cafe, meeting

7 p.m. Church Council

Next Sunday, May 15

8:30 a.m. Worship Service — recognition of High School Graduates

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

7 p.m. Youth Group

Graduation: Open House for **Blake Jacobs** will be held Friday, May 20 from 5 to 8 p.m., at our home —2435 330th St., Forest City, Rob & Lori Jacobs; Open House for **Allen Dong** will be held Sunday, May 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the MAJOPA building, 905 Hwy. 69 S., Forest City hosted by Janet and John Haugen.

Prayer List—Lloyd Richards, Donnie Jensen, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffett, 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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

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Prayer of the Day

All: God, our creator and redeemer, Your Son Jesus prayed that His followers might be one. Make all Christians one with Him as He is one with You, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of Your love; through 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 1:12-26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered *the city*, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas *the son* of James. These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with *the women*, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said, "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT'; and, 'LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE.'

Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— beginning with the baptism of John

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until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection.” So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

PSALM 133 (responsively)
The Excellency of Brotherly Unity.

L: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is

C: For brothers to dwell together in unity!

L: It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard,

C: *Even* Aaron’s beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes.

L: It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion;

C: For there the LORD commanded the blessing—life forever.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20

The River and the Tree of Life

Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, “These words are faithful and true”; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and every-one who loves and practices lying.

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am

the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:22-30

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“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

“O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

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SERMON: Pastor Steve Bang

“A Mother’s Love” Matthew 20:20-23

Hymn, A Christian HomeGrey Hymn Book #538

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Prayer

Sharing of the Peace.

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Offering

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5. She gave Jesus _____ but her real motive was to get something from him.
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