

“Well Done” John 12:26

Hymn, Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart LBW #486

Please stand.

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Prayer

Sharing of the Peace.

You may be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

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Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Quilt Presentation to Graduates

Closing Hymn, Great is Thy Faithfulness..... Grey Hymn Book #98

Purple Note request by Alaina Ingebritson

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 17

7 p.m. Bible Study

Next Sunday, May 22

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

7 p.m. Youth Group

Our High School Graduates honored today are Allen Dong (FCHS), Ty Durby (LMHS), and Blake Jacobs (FCHS).

(See insert for additional announcements)

Day of Pentecost

West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

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Opening Praise Hymns, Let’s Just Praise the Lord Grey Hymn Book #317

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Prayer of the Day

All: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as You sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon Your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of Your love, and strengthen our lives for service in Your kingdom; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn *them* thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *will reach* into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” The LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. The LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

PSALM 143 (responsively)

L: Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications!

C: Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!

8:30 a.m., May 15, 2016

Pastor Steve Bang

L: And do not enter into judgment with Your servant,

C: For in Your sight no man living is righteous.

L: For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground;

C: He has made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long been dead.

L: Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;

C: My heart is appalled within me.

L: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your doings;

C: I muse on the work of Your hands.

L: I stretch out my hands to You;

C: My soul longs for You, as a parched land.

L: Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails;

C: Do not hide Your face from me, or I will become like those who go down to the pit.

L: Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning; for I trust in You;

C: Teach me the way in which I should walk; for to You I lift up my soul.

L: Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; I take refuge in You.

C: Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

L: For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me.

C: In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

L: And in Your lovingkindness, cut off my enemies and destroy all those who afflict my soul,

C: For I am Your servant.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans

and Arabs—we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."

But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT and they shall prophesy. 'AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME. 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

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GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:23-31

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Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

"These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.

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You may be seated.

Graduate Recognition

SERMON: Pastor Steve Bang

SERMON NOTES . . .

“Well Done!!” John 12:26

1. “Whoever serves me must _____ me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who _____ me.”
2. We all have _____ to make that have huge consequences.
3. School and life itself is an opportunity for learning not only from the books but even more importantly from our day-to-day _____ and choices.
4. We all follow someone or something. It would do us good to personally answer 3 questions: 1) Who are we _____? 2) Who are we _____? 3) Who are we seeking _____ from?
5. First of all, we are here to serve _____.
6. When our service is complete, we get to ‘_____’.
7. Secondly, we serve Jesus by _____ him.
8. Thirdly, those that serve Jesus will be _____.
9. The ultimate honor is not to be honored by man but to be honored by _____.
10. These words from the Lord will have significant honor for us: “Well done, good and _____ servant! You have been _____ with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”
11. Our graduation cap will be a golden _____ and our graduation robe will be _____ and washed in the blood of the Lamb.
12. Follow Jesus in your journey and you will rejoice to hear his words: “Well _____!”

Note: Bible Study will be held **Tuesday**, May 17, 7 p.m., due to conflict in Pastor Bang’s schedule.

Graduation: Open House for **Blake Jacobs**, son of Rob and Lori Jacobs, will be held Friday, May 20 from 5 to 8 p.m., at our home —2435 330th St., Forest City.

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.

Open House for **Ty Durby**, son of Terry and Lisa Durby, will be held Saturday, May 21, 4-6 p.m., at the home of Kevin and Janet Hebrink, 605 S. Western, Lake Mills.

Thank you...

I would like to thank everyone who bought pizzas and donated money to help with the cost of my Mission Trip this summer. We will be going to Lame Deer, Montana, where we will be repairing and painting houses on the Indian reservation. I am looking forward to the trip and helping others. “If your gift is to serve others, serve them well. Romans 12:7. — Allen Dong

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.