

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!

Closing Hymn, Lead On, O King Eternal;..... LBW #495

Postlude

Pastor: Steven Bang

Organist/Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Usher: Caroll Carson

Lectionary: Janell Carson

Acolyte: Paris Reimann

Announcements

Today

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, May 25

7 p.m. Bible Study

Next Sunday, May 29

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

Graduation: Open House for **Allen Dong** will be held today from 3 to 7 p.m. at the MAJOPA building, 905 Hwy. 69 S., Forest City, hosted by Janet and John Haugen.

Prayer List—The family of Lon Durby, 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.

The Holy Trinity

West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

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Opening Praise Hymns, Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful LBW #45

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Prayer of the Day

All: **Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by Your eternal Spirit, and revealing Your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ; Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.**

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and understanding lift up her voice? On top of the heights beside the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gates, at the opening to the city, at the entrance of the doors, she cries out: “To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men.

“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. From everlasting I was established, from the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills I was brought forth; while He had not yet made the earth and the fields, nor the first dust of the world.

“When He established the heavens, I was there, when He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, when He made firm the skies above, when the springs of the deep became fixed, when He set for the sea its boundary so that the water would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth; then I was beside Him, as a master workman; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in the world, His earth, and having my delight in the sons of men.”

PSALM 8 (responsively)

8:30 a.m., May 22, 2016

Pastor Steve Bang

L: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth,

C: Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

L: From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength because of Your adversaries,

C: to make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

L: Then I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C: The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;

L: What is man that You take thought of him,

C: And the son of man that You care for him?

L: Yet You have made him a little lower than God,

C: And You crown him with glory and majesty!

L: You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;

C: You have put all things under his feet,

L: All sheep and oxen,

C: And also the beasts of the field,

L: The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,

C: Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

L: O LORD, our Lord,

C: How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

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.

“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man-attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. For David says of Him,

‘I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN. THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE; YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY. YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.’

Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* OF HIS DE-

SCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:

‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOT-STOOL FOR YOUR FEET.”’

Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:48-59

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The Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death.”

The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets *also*; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste of death.’ Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out *to be*?”

Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’; and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.”

So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

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

SERMON: Pastor Steve Bang

“Cut to the Heart” Acts 2:36-38

Hymn, O Master, Let Me Walk With YouLBW #492
Please stand.

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Additional Announcements...

Victoria Knutson (Melissa's daughter) will have a recital at Waldorf's Odvin Hagen Music Center on Tuesday, May 31 at 7 p.m.

SERMON NOTES . . .

“Cut to the Heart” - Acts 2:36-38

1. “Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” When the people heard this, they were _____ and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”
2. Even devout _____ need gospel preaching.
3. Perhaps the greatest threat to the church today is from those who profess Christ but are not truly _____ and therefore do not see their need for Jesus.
4. Jesus answered, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous but _____ to repentance.”
5. Even the devout need preaching which reveals Christ’s life, _____, & resurrection.
6. Jesus offered himself, his perfect life, once, that _____ might be forever destroyed.
7. The _____ declares that you’ll never be good enough for God.
8. Even the devout need gospel _____. It is good news!
9. God promises not to bring to His mind our evil deeds. He graciously separates us from our sins as far as the _____ is from the _____.
10. Even the devout need preaching which requires a _____.
11. Our response must include _____ = a change of mind/thinking.
12. It is popular in America to think that religion is a _____ matter. Biblical faith is _____ but it cannot be private because it is a change of mind and heart about Jesus which changes every aspect of your life.