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*You may be seated.*

**Ministration of Holy Communion**

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*Please stand*

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**Pastor:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn: When Seed Falls on Good Soil**.....LBW #236

Purple Note request by Carroll and Janell Carson

**Postlude**

**Pastor: Steve Bang**

**Organist/Pianist: Melissa Phillips**

**Usher: Bob Nath**

**Lectionary: Faith Finer**

**Acolyte: Faith Finer**

**... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...**

**TODAY:**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8:**

9 a.m. WOW quilting; noon salad luncheon

7 p.m. Church Council

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 12:**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

11 a.m. Bible Study Club hosted by Wendell and Helen Finer, potluck lunch followed by movie, "Summer Snow". (Date change as June 19 is Father's Day)

**PRAYER LIST**—Lloyd Richards, Donnie Jensen, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, 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](http://www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer); leave message on church answering system @641-567-3733; or called in to Pastor Steve @ 641-590-7894.

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 a.m., June 5, 2016**

**West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC**

**Prelude**

**Pastoral Greeting**

*Please stand if you are able.*

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**Opening Hymn: God Himself is Present** ..... LBW #249

**Kyrie** ..... page 78

**Hymn of Praise** ..... page 81

**Prayer of the Day**

**(All) O God, the strength of those who hope in You: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, so that in keeping Your commandments we may please You in will and deed; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**First Lesson:** I Kings 17:17-24

**Elijah Raises the Widow's Son**

Now it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. So she said to Elijah, "What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance and to put my son to death!" He said to her, "Give me your son." Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed. He called to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray You, let this child's life return to him." The LORD heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived. Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

**Psalm 30** (responsively)

L: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up,

**C: And have not let my enemies rejoice over me.**

L: O LORD my God,

**Service of Holy Communion**

**Pastor Steve Bang**

**C: I cried to You for help, and You healed me.**

L: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**C: You have kept me alive, that I would not go down to the pit.**

L: Sing praise to the LORD, you His godly ones,

**C: and give thanks to His holy name.**

L: For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime;

**C: weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning.**

L: Now as for me, I said in my prosperity,

**C: "I will never be moved."**

L: LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain to stand strong;

**C: You hid Your face, I was dismayed.**

L: To You, O LORD, I called,

**C: and to the Lord I made supplication:**

L: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?"

**C: Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your faithfulness?**

L: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me;

**C: O LORD, be my helper."**

L: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**C: You have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,**

L: that *my* soul may sing praise to You and not be silent.

**C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.**

**Second Lesson: Galatians 1:11-24**

**Paul Defends His Ministry**

For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but *I received it* through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. But when God, who had set me apart *even* from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.

Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother. (Now in what I am writing to you, I assure you

before God that I am not lying.) Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. I was *still* unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ; but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy." And they were glorifying God because of me.

*Please stand*

**Alleluia** ..... page 83

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:11-17**

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

Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak. And *Jesus* gave him back to his mother. Fear gripped them all, and they *began* glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people!" This report concerning Him went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district.

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

*You may be seated.*

**The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang**

"Death Is Not the End" Luke 7:11-17

**Hymn: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*** .....LBW #293

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed** ..... page 84

**Prayer**

**Congregational response:** Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace.*

*You may be seated.*

**Offering**

*Please stand.*

**Offertory: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***..... page 86

**Pastor:** Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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5. There’s one more clue to the kind of woman this mother was. Notice who is at the funeral with her: “A large \_\_\_\_\_ from the town was with her.” (7-12)
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