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**... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...**

**Today, June 19**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

**Next Sunday, June 26**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

**Happy Fathers' Day!**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is Friday, June 24.

**BASH ON THE FARM** is this Friday and Saturday, June 24 & 25, located the Heritage Park on the south edge of Forest City. This two-day Christian music festival is filled with ministry, fun and fellowship for the whole family. Admission is free. Camping available and food vendors on the grounds.

**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.

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC**  
**Prelude**

**8:30 a.m., June 19, 2016**  
**Pastor Steve Bang**

**Pastoral Greeting**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness** ..... page 77

**Opening Hymn: Great Is Their Faithfulness** ..... Grey Hymn Book # 98  
Purple Note request by Irene Eide

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

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

**Prayer of the Day**

**(All) O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue Your people from despair, deliver Your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**First Lesson:** book

“I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask *for Me*; I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, ‘Here am I, here am I,’ to a nation which did not call on My name. I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk *in* the way which is not good, following their own thoughts, a people who continually provoke Me to My face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on bricks; who sit among graves and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine’s flesh, and the broth of unclean meat is *in* their pots. Who say, ‘Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am holier than you!’”

These are smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. “Behold, it is written before Me, I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will even repay into their bosom, both their own iniquities and the iniquities of their fathers together,” says the LORD. “Because they have burned incense on the mountains and scorned Me on the hills, therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom.”

Thus says the LORD, “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is benefit in it,’ so I will act on behalf of My servants in order not to destroy all of them. I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and an heir of My mountains from Judah; even My chosen ones shall inherit it, and My servants will dwell there.”

**Psalm** (responsively)

L: O LORD, how my adversaries have increased!

C: **Many are rising up against me.**

L: Many are saying of my soul,

**C: “There is no deliverance for him in God.”**

L: But You, O LORD, are a shield about me,

**C: My glory, and the One who lifts my head.**

L: I was crying to the LORD with my voice,

**C: And He answered me from His holy mountain.**

L: I lay down and slept;

**C: I awoke, for the LORD sustains me.**

L: I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people

**C: Who have set themselves against me round about.**

L: Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God!

**C: For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek; You have shattered the teeth of the wicked.**

L: Salvation belongs to the LORD;

**C: Your blessing *be* upon Your people!**

**Second Lesson:** Galatians 3:23-4:7

But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.

Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

*Please stand*

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

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 8:26-39

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

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He came out onto the land, He was met by a man from the city who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs. Seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and *yet* he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert. And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.

Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and *the demons* implored Him to permit them to enter the swine. And He gave them permission. And the demons came out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

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

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

“Abba — Father” Galatians 4:3-7

**Hymn:** *Children of the Heavenly Father* .....LBW #474  
*Please stand*

**Apostles’ Creed** ..... page 85  
*Sharing of the Peace.*  
*You may be seated.*

**Offering**

*Please stand.*

**Offertory:** *Create In Me a Clean Heart* ..... page 96

**Prayer**

**Congregation response: Hear our prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer** .....page 97

**Benediction:** .....page 97

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn:** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* ..... Grey Hymn Book #89

**Postlude**

## SERMON NOTES . . . .

### “Abba-Father” Galatians 4:3-7

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a term of endearment, a term of intimacy.
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4. Jesus spoke these words: “Abba, \_\_\_\_\_, if it is possible let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.” (Mk. 14:36)
5. “You are no longer a slave but a \_\_\_\_\_; and since you are a son, God has made you also an \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. Long ago, the people of God couldn’t even say the name for God \_\_\_\_\_ aloud.
7. We should think of God as a newborn thinks of its \_\_\_\_\_ - loving, dependent and safe.
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10. God loves us so much that He is willing to \_\_\_\_\_ us to bring us to maturity.
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