

Hymn: *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* Grey Hymn Book #507

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.

The Great Thanksgiving: page 88

The Lord's Prayer page 91

You may be seated.

Ministration of Holy Communion

Pre-Communion Hymn: *Lamb of God* page 92

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Post Communion Canticle: *Thank the Lord* page 92

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: *Take My Life, That I May Be* LBW #406

Purple Note request by LeAnn Peterson

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist/Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Faith Finer

Usher: Bob Nath

Acolyte: Faith Finer

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m., June 26, 2016

West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

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Opening Hymn: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* LBW #389

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Prayer of the Day

(All) O God, You have prepared for those who love You joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for You that, loving You above all things, we may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

First Lesson: I Kings 19:9b-21

Elijah at Horeb

Then he came there to a cave and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

So He said, "Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Then he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

The LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram; and Jehu the son of

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Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death. Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him."

So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw his mantle on him. He left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" So he returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave it to the people and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and ministered to him.

Psalm 16 (responsively)

L: The sorrows of those who have bartered for another god will be multiplied;

C: I shall not pour out their drink offerings of blood, nor will I take their names upon my lips.

L: The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

C: You support my lot.

L: The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;

C: Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

L: I will bless the LORD who has counseled me;

C: Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.

L: I have set the LORD continually before me;

C: Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

L: Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;

C: My flesh also will dwell securely.

L: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;

C: Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

L: You will make known to me the path of life;

C: In Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Walk by the Spirit

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOUR-

SELF." But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Please stand

Alleluia page 83

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:51-62

Response: Glory to You, O Lord page 83

When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." And they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." And He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God." Another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home." But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

"Patience Is Key" Galatians 5:22-25

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Today,

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
7 p.m. Youth Group

Next Sunday, July 3

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

Bible Reading Marathon begins Thursday, June 30th through Sunday, July 3rd in front of the Courthouse in Forest City. This proclamation by Governor Terry Branstad is to encourage individuals and their families in Iowa to read the Bible daily until the Lord comes.

Prayer List — Jonie Bang, Irene Eide, 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; leave a message on the church answering system @ 641-567-3733; or call Pastor Steve @ 641-590-7894.

SERMON NOTES...

"Patience Is Key" Galatians 5:22-25

1. When you put a puzzle together, _____ is the key.
2. A _____ Christian is a patient Christian. The less patient you are, the less mature in Christ you are.
3. It's through _____ that we learn patience.
4. The Greek word "makrothumi" means "slow to _____" or long-suffering.
5. Patience is the powerful attribute that enables a person to remain _____ under strain and continue pressing on.
6. Patience is a calm endurance based on the certain knowledge that _____ is in control.
7. Developing patience is difficult because it goes against _____.
8. The second reason why developing patience is difficult is because "weeds" of pride, selfishness, and anger can _____ out the fruit of patience.
9. Thirdly, patience is a difficult to develop because it's contrary to our _____.
10. How do we develop patience? "Abide in _____."
11. There are other things we can do . . . we can _____ down.
12. We need to overlook the little _____ of life.
13. The Bible says there are some things we just can't handle on our own and that we'll never be able to handle without the _____ help.
14. _____ is our perfect example of patience.
15. The door of _____ is open because the Lord is patient.