

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist/Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Julie Reimann

Usher: John Haugen

Acolyte: Paris Reimann

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Today, July 24

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

7 p.m. Youth Group

Next Sunday, July 31

8:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion

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Thanks to Bonnie Iverson for leading us in worship today.

Newsletter deadline is Friday, July 29.

Open House honoring the retirement of Pastor Dan Christensen will be held Sunday, July 31 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul’s Maple Leaf Lutheran Church. Worship service is at 10:30 a.m. (The GPS address is 13431 Howard Avenue, Elma, Iowa. Map readers: On Hwy. 9 in Saratoga, turn on the only road heading south for 5-6 miles to Howard Ave.) Greetings may be sent to Pastor Dan at 8830 Hwy. 9, Lime Springs, IA 52155.

Vacation Bible School — VBS will be held for one evening only — Thursday, Aug. 4th, beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Gather all your friends, ages 5-11, for a fun evening learning about “Becoming an Avenger,” participating in games, and — capping off the program with an awards ceremony. There is no charge, but please pre-register by contacting Lanette Branstad at 641-590-2714.

Prayer List — Jonie Bang, Irene Eide, 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.

Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!

Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ (LCMC) Synod

40041 150th Ave., P.O. Box 9, Leland, IA 50453 Steve Bang, pastor

Please sign the attendance sheets located at the end of each pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address, and we invite you to join us again!

8:30 a.m.—July 24, 2016

Worship Service for the 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

Opening Hymn: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* LBW #250

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise page 81

Prayer of the Day

(All) O God, Your ears are open always to the prayers of Your servants. Open our hearts and minds to You, that we may live in harmony with Your will and receive the gifts of Your Spirit; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Psalm 100 (responsively)

L: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

C: serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song.

L: Know this: The Lord Himself is God;

C: He Himself has made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise;

C: give thanks to Him and call upon His name.

L: For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting;

C: and His faithfulness endures from age to age.

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

Spiritual Fullness in Christ

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through your faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Please stand

Alleluia page 83

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

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

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then He said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

And He told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Bonnie Iverson

Hymn: *I’d Rather Have Jesus* Grey Hymn Book #650

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: *Beautiful Savior*LBW #518

