

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed** page 84

**Prayer**

**Congregational response:** Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace.*

*You may be seated.*

**Offering**

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**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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*You may be seated.*

**Ministration of Holy Communion**

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn:** *Savior, Again to They Dear Name* ..... Grey Hymn Book #519

**Postlude**

**Pastor: Steve Bang**

**Organist/Pianist: Janet Vinson**

**Lectionary: Julie Reimann**

**Usher: John Haugen**

**Acolyte: Paris Reimann**

## 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!

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**8:30 a.m.—July 31, 2016**

**Service of Holy Communion for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

All who are baptized in the Christian faith and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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**Prelude**

**Pastoral Greeting**

*Please stand if you are able.*

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**Opening Hymn:** *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer* ..... Grey Hymn Book #334

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

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**Prayer of the Day**

**(All) Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that He may live in us and we in Him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**First Lesson:** Genesis 18:20-33

And the LORD said, “The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”

Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the LORD. Abraham came near and said, “Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep *it* away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are *treated* alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?” So the LORD said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place on their account.” And Abraham replied, “Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am *but* dust and ashes. Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of five?” And He said, “I will not destroy *it* if I find forty-five

there." He spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose forty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do *it* on account of the forty." Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do *it* if I find thirty there." And he said, "Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy *it* on account of the twenty." Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy *it* on account of the ten." As soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the LORD departed, and Abraham returned to his place.

**Psalm 138** (responsively)

L: I will give You thanks with all my heart;

**C: I will sing praises to You before the gods.**

L: I will bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth;

**C: For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.**

L: On the day I called, You answered me;

**C: You made me bold with strength in my soul.**

L: All the kings of the earth will give thanks to You, O LORD,

**C: When they have heard the words of Your mouth.**

L: And they will sing of the ways of the LORD,

**C: For great is the glory of the LORD.**

L: For though the LORD is exalted,

**C: Yet He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.**

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;

**C: You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.**

L: The LORD will accomplish what concerns me;

**C: Your lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting; do not forsake the works of Your hands.**

**Second Lesson:** Colossians 2:6-15

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.

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

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 11:1-13

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

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'"

Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or *if* he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

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

*You may be seated.*

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

"Teach Us to Pray" Luke 11:1-13

**Hymn:** *Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire* ..... Grey Hymn Book #446

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

**Today,**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Wednesday, August 3**

7 p.m. Sarah Circle w/Louise Nath at the church

7 p.m. Naomi Circle w/Rita Schutter

**Next Sunday, August 7**

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

**Open House today for** Pastor Dan Christensen from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Maple Leaf Lutheran Church, 13431 Howard Ave., Elma, Iowa.

**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, Candy Johnson, 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](http://www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer); leave a message on the church answering system @ 641-567-3733; or call Pastor Steve @ 641-590-7894.

**SERMON NOTES ...**

**"Teach Us to Pray" Luke 11:1-13**

1. As followers of Christ we should want to learn how to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. One of the things that motivated the disciples to ask Jesus was that they \_\_\_\_\_ Him pray often — on everyday occasions and on special occasions.
3. We all have a part of us that longs to \_\_\_\_\_ God intimately and fully, even as He \_\_\_\_\_ us.
4. Jesus gave the disciples a \_\_\_\_\_ for prayer, a \_\_\_\_\_ for prayer, and a \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer.
5. The pattern Jesus gave the disciples is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. As part of His work on earth in which He humbled Himself for us. Jesus made Himself completely \_\_\_\_\_ to His heavenly Father.
7. The ultimate act of \_\_\_\_\_ took place on the cross as He prayer: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."
8. The promise: "\_\_\_\_\_ and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you."
9. God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ from us, if for not other reason than that He cares about us.
10. Prayer is where we learn that the Bible interacts with the events of our daily lives. Prayer and \_\_\_\_\_ are indispensable to each other.
11. Only Jesus can give us the \_\_\_\_\_ we need to truly seek our Father.
12. Of all the things we could pray for, there was one thing in Luke that Jesus singled out as a sure thing, a good thing that we can absolutely depend on for our Father to give us when we ask Him, and that is the \_\_\_\_\_!.