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*You may be seated.*

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

**Hymn:** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*.....LBW #479

*Please stand*

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**Prayer**

**Congregational response:** Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace.*

*You may be seated.*

**Offering**

*Please stand.*

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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:** *The Wonder of It All* .....Grey Hymn Book #13

Purple note request by Jonie Bang

**Postlude**

**Pastor: Steve Bang**

**Organist/Pianist: Melissa Phillips**

**Usher: Steve Reimann**

**Lectionary: Faith Finer**

**Acolyte: Faith Finer**

## Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!

**Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)**

**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.—August 7, 2016**

**Service of Holy Communion for the 12th 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:** *O Savior, Precious Savior* ..... LBW #514

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**Prayer of the Day**

**(All) Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**First Lesson:** Genesis 15:1-6

**Abram Promised a Son**

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; your reward shall be very great."

Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir." Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**Psalm 33:12-22** (responsively)

L: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

**C: the people He chose for His inheritance.**

L: From heaven the Lord looks down

**C: and sees all mankind;**

L: from His dwelling place He watches

**C: all who live on earth—**

L: He who forms the hearts of all,

**C: who considers everything they do.**

L: No king is saved by the size of his army;

**C: no warrior escapes by his great strength.**

L: A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;

**C: despite all its great strength it cannot save.**

L: But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him,

**C: on those whose hope is in His unfailing love,**

L: to deliver them from death

**C: and keep them alive in famine.**

L: We wait in hope for the Lord;

**C: He is our help and our shield.**

L: In Him our hearts rejoice,

**C: for we trust in His holy name.**

L: May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,

**C: even as we put our hope in You.**

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 11:1-16

### **The Triumphs of Faith**

Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval.

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, *as many descendants* AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. And indeed if they had been thinking of that *country* from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

*Please stand*

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

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 12:22-34

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

And He said to His disciples, “For this reason I say to you, do not worry about *your* life, *as to* what you will eat; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and *yet* God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a *single* hour to his life’s span? If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more *will He clothe* you? You men of little faith! And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying. For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

“Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

**Today, August 7**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Wednesday, August 10**

11:30 a.m. WOW potluck picnic at Crystal Lake Park followed by program

7 p.m. Church Council

**Sunday, August 14**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

**Communion registration** — Please sign attendance sheets so accurate records may be maintained. Thank you.

**Church Doors** — For anyone accessing the church via keypad or keyed entry, please remember to lock the door when you leave. It has been reported that doors have been left unlocked several times. Our insurance is not valid in the event of a theft, vandalism, etc. if it is found that the doors were not locked.

**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. . .**

**“Do Not Worry” — Luke 12:22-34**

1. Jesus commanded us \_\_\_\_\_ to worry: “Therefore I tell you, do \_\_\_\_\_ worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food and the body more than clothes.” (Luke 12:22, 23)
2. How can we avoid worry? Only \_\_\_\_\_ can free us from the anxiety caused by greed and covetousness.
3. Jesus is not calling for thoughtless existence or the absence of appropriate \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Worry may: 1) Damage your \_\_\_\_\_; 2) Cause the object of your worry to consume your thoughts; 3) Disrupt your \_\_\_\_\_; 4) Negatively affect the way you treat others; 5) Reduce your ability to \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
5. If you are a worrier and complainer, it can have a \_\_\_\_\_ effect on others.
6. To worry is to foolishly \_\_\_\_\_ who (whose) we are — children of God.
7. Principle #1 in overcoming worry: “\_\_\_\_\_ God.”
8. Principle #2 in overcoming worry: “Put God \_\_\_\_\_.”
9. Principle #3 in overcoming worry: “Don’t give in to \_\_\_\_\_.”
10. Principle #4 in overcoming worry: “\_\_\_\_\_ your worry load.”
11. Jesus tells those of us who are, in our minds, “barely getting by,” to \_\_\_\_\_ off some of the excess “baggage” that weighs us down.
12. If the \_\_\_\_\_ and the King are not given proper place, we will worry.