

*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

**Communion Hymns:** ..... Grey Hymn Book #s 336, 240, 229

*Please stand*

**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:** *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* ..... LBW #259

**Postlude**

**Pastor: Steve Bang**

**Organist/Pianist: Janet Vinson**

**Lectionary: Faith Finer**

**Usher: Steve Reimann**

**Acolyte: Faith Finer**

**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.—August 28, 2016**

**Service of Holy Communion for the 15th 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:** *Holy, Holy, Holy*..... LBW #165

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

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

**Prayer of the Day**

**(All) O God, we thank You for Your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by His example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow His commands; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**First Lesson:** Proverbs 25:2-10

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings. As the heavens are high and the earth is deep, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable. Remove the dross from the silver, and a silversmith can produce a vessel; remove wicked officials from the king’s presence, and his throne will be established through righteousness.

Do not exalt yourself in the king’s presence, and do not claim a place among his great men; it is better for him to say to you, “Come up here,” than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

What you have seen with your eyes do not bring hastily to court, for what will you do in the end if your neighbor puts you to shame? If you take your neighbor to court, do not betray another’s confidence, or the one who hears it may shame you and the charge against you will stand.

**Psalm 131** (responsively)

L: My heart is not proud, LORD,

**C: my eyes are not haughty;**

L: I do not concern myself with great matters

**C: or things too wonderful for me.**

L: But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother;

**C: like a weaned child I am content.**

L: Israel, put your hope in the LORD

**C: both now and forevermore.**

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 13:1-17

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

*Please stand*

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

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 10:1-20

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

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, He was being carefully watched. There in front of Him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, He healed him and sent him on his way.

Then He asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" And they had nothing to say.

When He noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, He told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

*You may be seated.*

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

"It's Not About Me" Hebrews 13:15-16

**Hymn:** *How Great Thou Art* ..... LBW #532

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed** ..... page 84

**Prayer**

**Congregational response:** Hear our prayer.

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

**Today, August 28**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

**Next Sunday, September 4th**

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

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

**CHANGE OF WORSHIP TIME** — Beginning next Sunday, Sept. 4, and continuing through December, worship time will be at 11 a.m. Sunday school will start at 9:30 a.m. and fellowship will be from 10:15-10:45 a.m.

**Sunday School** — Rally Sunday on Sept. 18th starts the fall season for youth Sunday School. A presentation will be held on Sept. 25th.

**Sion Lutheran Fall Festival** — Everyone is invited to the Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 18th beginning with worship service at 11 a.m. followed by a dinner, games, and other activities. See newsletter for more info and poster on bulletin board.

**Baby Shower** — A baby shower will be held for Britta Ehlers and Cody Reimann at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24th, West Prairie fellowship hall.

**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 . . .**

**It's Not About Me — Hebrews 13:15-16**

1. "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a \_\_\_\_\_ of praise, the fruit of lips that confess His name. And do not forget to do \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ with other, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."
2. Liturgy became important to the Old Testament people of God, but it was more a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ as opposed to the heart.
3. Worship is not supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Each of us need to be reminded that worship is not about \_\_\_\_\_!
5. Sometimes we lose track of why we have come to worship. We come with the goal of being \_\_\_\_\_ when it should be in our heart to bless God!
6. Worship should happen in our \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Putting God in our conversations shows His importance to us, our gratefulness for what He's done, and our willingness to be unashamed of the gospel. It also paves the way for sharing our faith and spreading the gospel. Above all, it pleases \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Another type of worship is to do \_\_\_\_\_..
9. Another type of worship is to \_\_\_\_\_ what you have with others.
10. God has given us \_\_\_\_\_ things. He gave us our minds to achieve great things. He gave us the abilities to earn a living. He blesses us more than we deserve.
11. We prove God's presence in our lives by showing \_\_\_\_\_.
12. God's presence is not wrapped up in a physical building made up of brick and mortar. It is in a "\_\_\_\_\_ building." It is in you and me.