

## 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 sheet provided in each pew. If you are a visitor,  
please include your mailing address, and we invite you to join us again.*

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### Worship Service for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost 11 a.m., September 11, 2016

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#### Prelude

#### Pastoral Greeting

*Please stand if you are able.*

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**Opening Hymn, God of Our Fathers**.....LBW # 567

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

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#### Prayer of the Day

**(All) O Lord our governor, Your glory shines throughout the world. We commend our nation to Your merciful care, that we may live securely in peace and may be guided by Your providence. Give all in authority the wisdom and strength to know Your will and to do it. Help them remember that they are called to serve the people as lovers of truth and justice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*You may be seated.*

#### First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-24

“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for My sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after My sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself

## SERMON NOTES. . .

### “What Did 9/11 Teach Us?” II Chronicles 7:14

1. \_\_\_\_\_ can come to any people that turns to God, regardless of their present condition.
2. “If My people who are called by My name will \_\_\_\_\_ themselves, and pray and \_\_\_\_\_ My face, and \_\_\_\_\_ from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”
3. The promise to send revival in verse 14 is set in the context of God inflicting drought, crop devastation and plague on His own people. The whole promise of healing the land first requires the \_\_\_\_\_ action of God.
4. If a people has no sense of a \_\_\_\_\_ problem with God, then they can never realize their need to turn to God.
5. In our day, we no longer \_\_\_\_\_ God.
6. The fear of God is not merely respect; it recognizes God as an authority figure who requires \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Judgment begins at the \_\_\_\_\_ of God because He holds accountable first those who know most.
8. All of the signs of judgment and more are prevalent in our society today. It’s not that God is going to \_\_\_\_\_ us—He already is.
9. God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked; therefore, the moment He begins the process of judgment, He simultaneously puts in place the possibility of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Knowing that we need revival, what should we expect? First, that God will create an \_\_\_\_\_ for national repentance.
11. What should have been declared and learned from 9/11 is that we are under the judgment of God, beginning with \_\_\_\_\_ first, then the nation.
12. The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in mercy, not willing that any should \_\_\_\_\_ but that all come to repentance and faith.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today . . .

5 p.m. Cry Out America! Prayer service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Forest City (one block north of Forest City Foods)

7 p.m. Youth Group

### Wednesday, Sept. 14 . . .

9 a.m. WOW quilting; potluck lunch at noon

3 p.m. Confirmation Class

7 p.m. Church Council

### Thursday, Sept. 15 . . .

11:30 a.m. Fall Luncheon Guest Day at Salem Lutheran Church, Lake Mills. All women invited.

### Next Sunday, Sept. 18 . . .

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, starting the fall curriculum

11 a.m. Sion Lutheran Fall Festival worship service; lunch served from 12 to 1:30 p.m.; games; sale of baked goods and fall produce; hay rides

**Baby Shower** for Britta Ehlers and Cody Reimann at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24th, West Prairie Fellowship Hall.

**Prayer List** — Jonie Bang, Candy Johnson, Donnie Jensen, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, Angie 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.

will tend My sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

“As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

“Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the LORD will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

**Psalms 119:169-176** (responsively)

L: Let my cry come before You, O Lord;

**C: Give me understanding, according to Your Word.**

L: Let my supplication come before You;

**C: deliver me, according to Your promise.**

L: My lips shall pour forth Your praise,

**C: when You teach me Your statutes.**

L: My tongue shall sing of Your promise,

**C: for all Your commandments are righteous.**

L: Let Your hand be ready to help me,

**C: for I have chosen Your commandments.**

L: I long for Your salvation, O Lord,

**C: and Your law is my delight.**

L: Let me live, and I will praise You,

**C: and let Your judgments help me.**

L: I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;  
**C: search for Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.**

**Second Lesson:** I Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me trustworthy, appointing me to His service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Please stand.

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

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 15:1-10

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

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one.

Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

“What Did 9/11 Teach Us?” II Chronicles 7:14

**Hymn,** *If My People Will Pray*..... Grey Hymn Book #575

**Apostles’ Creed** ..... page 85

**Prayer**

**Congregational Response:** Hear my prayer.

Sharing of the peace.

You may be seated.

**Offering**

Please stand.

**Offertory,** *Create In Me a Clean Heart* ..... page 96

**Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**.....page 97

**Benediction** ..... page 97

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn,** *Christ For the World We Sing* Grey Hymn Book #686

**Postlude**

**Pastor:** Steve Bang

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Lectionary:** Janet Haugen

**Usher:** John Haugen

**Acolyte:** Paris Reimann