

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

Pre-Communion Hymn: *Lamb of God*..... page 92

Communion Hymns:Grey Hymn Book #s 634, 338, 318,

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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: *I Love to Tell the Story*..... LBW #390

Purple Note request by Shirley Schutter

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist/Pianist: Ruth Sheldon

Usher: John Haugen

Lectionary: Janet 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!

8:30 a.m.—September 25, 2016

Service of Holy Communion for the 19th 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.

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

Opening Hymn: *Onward, Christian Soldiers*..... LBW #509

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Prayer of the Day

(All) God of love, You know our frailties and failings. Give us Your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Amos 6:1-7

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come! Go to Kalneh and look at it; go from there to great Hamath, and then go down to Gath in Philistia. Are they better off than your two kingdoms? Is their land larger than yours?

You put off the day of disaster and bring near a reign of terror. You lie on beds adorned with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

Psalm 146 (responsively)

L: Praise the LORD

C: Praise the LORD, my soul.

L: I will praise the LORD all my life;

C: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

L: Do not put your trust in princes,

C: in human beings, who cannot save.

L: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

C: on that very day their plans come to nothing.

L: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

C: whose hope is in the LORD their God.

L: He is the Maker of heaven and earth,

C: the sea, and everything in them—He remains faithful forever.

L: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

C: The LORD sets prisoners free,

L: the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,

C: the LORD loves the righteous.

L: The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

C: but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

L: The LORD reigns forever,

C: your God, O Zion, for all generations.

A: Praise the LORD.

Second Lesson: I Timothy 3:1-13

Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:19-31

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

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

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The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

“Heaven, yes! Hell, no!” Luke 16:19-31

Hymn: *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*..... LBW # 296

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Prayer

Congregational response: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace.

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... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Today, Sunday, Sept. 25

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

Noon: Bible Study Club potluck followed by movie

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, Sept. 28th

3 p.m. Confirmation Class

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Next Sunday, October 2

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

10:15-10:45 a.m. Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

7 p.m. Youth Group

Our Sympathy to the family of Robb and Lori Jacobs on the death of Bob Jacobs, Robb's father.

Church Cleaning—A thorough cleaning of the church, fellowship hall, Sunday School and quilting rooms, and the old basement will be done by Wednesday, Oct. 12. For those who want to contribute your time and elbow grease, you are urged to do it at your convenience. A list of items that need attention will be on the library table; please sign off on whatever chore you've done. Cleaning supplies should be in the kitchen or pantry. Many hands make light work — thanks for your help.

Prayer List—Jonie Bang, Candy Johnson, Angie Haugen, Marlys Haugen, Roger Peterson, Dale Zingg, Ben Charlson, Blanche Durby, Mike Haack, Carver Moffat, Mike Haack, Dorothy Kall, Monte Branstad, Eldora Reil. All prayer requests can be submitted to: www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer; leave a message on the church answering system at 641/567-3733; or call Pastor Steve at 641/590-7894.

SERMON NOTES . . .

“Heaven, Yes! Hell, No!” Luke 16:19-31

1. There are only two eternal destinies and everyone in this room will end up spending eternity either in _____ or _____.
2. In this story, Jesus identifies two characters by name, _____ and Abraham.
3. After the rich man died, he got the strange feeling something wasn't right. Jesus said, “In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his _____.”
4. To every Jew, sitting down with Abraham was a by word for _____.
5. One of the worst agonies of hell won't be the fire and the flame. It will be the ability of people in _____ to see those who are in heaven.
6. Heaven is real and it will be populated with people. How do you get to heaven? Not by being _____ or doing good. Nobody is good enough.
7. Only by being a _____ of God by faith can you get into heaven.
8. People in hell will carry their _____ with them.
9. In hell there will be what we might call “_____ remorse.” It won't be over something you did but over something you didn't do.
10. When we repent of our sins and come to Jesus, he forgives us and cancels our _____ in hell and makes a new reservation for us in heaven.
11. Only _____ can satisfy our thirst.
12. After Abraham's reply, the rich man realizes there is no hope for himself so his thoughts turn to his _____.
13. The rich man insists that if a _____ man could go back and talk to his brothers, then they would turn from their sins and repent.