

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

“Lord, Find Us Faithful” Luke 17:1-10

Hymn: *Trust and Obey*..... Grey Hymn Book #454

Please stand

Nicene Creedpage 84

Prayer

Congregational response: Hear our prayer.

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 Prayerpage 91

You may be seated.

Ministration of Holy Communion

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

Communion Hymns: Grey Hymn Book #s 526, 32, 669,

Please stand

Post Communion Canticle: *Thank the Lord*page 92

Prayer:page 94

Benediction:page 95

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*..... Grey Hymn Book # 98

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist/Pianist: Sandy Damm

Lectionary: Terry/Lisa Durby

Usher: Terry/Ty Durby

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!

11 a.m.—October 2, 2016

Service of Holy Communion for the 20th 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: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* LBW #486

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise page 81

Prayer of the Day

(All) Our Lord Jesus, You have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over You, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge You as Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

How long, O LORD, will I call for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, “Violence!” Yet You do not save. Why do You make me see iniquity, and cause *me* to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; strife exists and contention arises. Therefore the law is ignored and justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice comes out perverted.

I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved. Then the LORD answered me and said, “Record the vision and inscribe *it* on tablets, that the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.

“Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith.

Psalm 62 (responsively)

L: My soul *waits* in silence for God only;

C: From Him is my salvation.

L: He only is my rock and my salvation,

C: My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.

L: How long will you assail a man, that you may murder *him*, all of you,

C: Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?

L: They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position; they delight in falsehood;

C: They bless with their mouth, but inwardly they curse.

L: My soul, wait in silence for God only,

C: For my hope is from Him.

L: He only is my rock and my salvation,

C: My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.

L: On God my salvation and my glory *rest*;

C: The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God.

L: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;

C: God is a refuge for us.

L: Men of low degree are only vanity and men of rank are a lie; in the balances they go up;

C: they are together lighter than breath.

L: Do not trust in oppression and do not vainly hope in robbery;

C: If riches increase, do not set *your* heart upon *them*.

L: Once God has spoken; twice I have heard this:

C: That power belongs to God;

L: and lovingkindness is Yours, O Lord,

C: For You recompense a man according to his work.

Second Lesson: II Timothy 1:1-14

Timothy Charged to Guard His Trust

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy. For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother

Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well. For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher. For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day. Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to *you*.

Please stand

Alleluia page 83

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:1-10

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

He said to His disciples, “It is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and be planted in the sea’; and it would obey you.

“Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down to eat’? But will he not say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat, and *properly* clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink’? He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy slaves; we have done *only* that which we ought to have done.’”

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

You may be seated.

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Today,

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, October 5

7 p.m. Naomi Circle with Denise Holst

7 p.m. Sarah Circle with Shirley Schutter

Thursday, Oct. 6

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Next Sunday, October 9

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

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

11 a.m. Worship Service

Thank You...

Thanks: to my family and my church family for making my 90th birthday a special day; my family for the brunch during fellowship and the flowers; gifts and cards from all of you; the quilting ladies for a surprise dessert; Janell for the delicious chocolate cake; Joan for the ice cream; the coffee maker from the ladies; and Sharon for the beautiful quilt. I am truly blessed with a wonderful family and friends. God's blessings to all. Irene Eide

Outdoor Movie...

"God's Not Dead" will be shown outdoors, weather permitting, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Leland, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8. Youth will be selling refreshments and a free will offering will be taken with proceeds going to FMSC—Feed My Starving Children.

Church cleaning...

If you cannot be here on October 12 to help clean the church, you may come at any time or day. A list of items that need attention is located on the library table. Please sign off on any completed task. Cleaning supplies are located under the kitchen sinks and the pantry. Thanks for your help.

Fall Luncheon, Craft & Bake Sale...

Bethel Lutheran church, Vinje, on Saturday, Oct. 15. Lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., eat in or take out. Serving sandwiches, salads and pie.

Prayer List...

Jonie Bang, Candy Johnson, Angela Haugen, Marlys Haugen, Roger Peterson, Dale Zingg, Ben Charlson, Blanche Durby, Mike Haack, Carver Moffat, Dorothy Kall, Monte Branstad, Elaine Ritz, 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 . . .

"Lord, Find Us Faithful!" - Luke 17:1-10

1. The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our _____!" They felt that if they . could have more _____, they could be better disciples.
2. In chapter 17, Jesus talks about the great _____ that we have as his disciples.
3. Christ warns us about the seriousness of sin. We are responsible for our actions and our _____.
4. Jesus reminds us to be accountable to each other and to be _____.
5. Jesus said, "If you have faith as _____ as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it will obey you.'
6. The disciples were asking for the wrong thing. They didn't need to increase their faith. They needed to increase their _____.
7. If you are a Christian, you have the Holy Spirit. You have the gift of faith. All you need to do is be faithful. Show your faith by stepping out and relying on God's _____, not your own. That's faithfulness.
8. It's expected that a servant serve. A Christian is a _____ and therefore a Christian is expected to serve, to be faithful.
9. Have you ever noticed that people who are the most spiritually _____ are the people that are being faithful to God?
10. It's only when we start _____ our faith do we realize that faith is not going to run out.
11. The goal of faithfulness is not that we will work for God, but that He will be free to do His _____ through us.
12. Faith has been described as a _____. A muscle in our body will atrophy if it not used. So use your muscle. Use your faith.