

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

**Today**

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Next Sunday, October 23**

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

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

11 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

6 p.m. Bible Study Club at the Naths

**West Prairie Annual Fall Dinner** will be held Sunday, Oct. 30; 11:30—1:30 p.m. Menu is BBQ meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, beverage. Adults, \$8; children ages 6-10, \$5; age 5 and under, free. Check your mailbox for volunteer duties. (Worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. that Sunday.)

**Thanks to all** who helped clean the church, basement rooms and fellowship hall. WOW chairpersons.

**Prayer List...**Jonie Bang, Will Kirschbaum, Angela Haugen, Marlys Haugen, Roger Peterson, Dale Zingg, Ben Charlson, Blanche Durby, Amy Kofron, Mike Haack, Carver Moffat, Dorothy Kall, Monte Branstad, Elaine Ritz, 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 at 641/567-3733; or call Pastor Steve at 641/590-7894.

**Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!**

**Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ (LCMC) Synod**

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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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**11 a.m.—October 16, 2016**

**Worship Service for the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

**Pastoral Greeting**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness** ..... page 77

**Opening Hymn: We Praise You, O God** ..... LBW #241

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

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

**Prayer of the Day**

**(All) Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ You have revealed Your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**First Lesson:** Genesis 32:22-30

Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had.

Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there. So Jacob named the place Peniel, for *he said*, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved."

**Psalm 121** (responsively)

L: I will lift up my eyes to the mountains;

**C: From where shall my help come?**

L: My help *comes* from the LORD,

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

L: He will not allow your foot to slip;

**C: He who keeps you will not slumber.**

L: Behold, He who keeps Israel

**C: Will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L: The LORD is your keeper;

**C: The LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

L: The sun will not smite you by day,

**C: Nor the moon by night.**

L: The LORD will protect you from all evil;

**C: He will keep your soul.**

L: The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in

**C: from this time forth and forever.**

**Second Lesson:** II Timothy 3:14-4:5

You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

*Please stand*

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

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 18:1-8

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

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear

God and did not respect man. There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

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

*You may be seated.*

**Hymn:** *O Word of God Incarnate* .....LBW #231

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

"God-Breathed" II Timothy 3:14-17

**Hymn:** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*.....LBW #230

*Please stand*

**Apostles' Creed** ..... page 85

*Sharing of the Peace.*

*You may be seated.*

**Offering**

*Please stand.*

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

**Prayer**

**Congregation response: hear our prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** ..... page 97

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

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn:** *On Our Way Rejoicing* ..... LBW #260

**Postlude**

**Pastor: Steve Bang**

**Organist/Pianist: Ruth Sheldon**

**Lectionary: Lisa Durby**

**Usher: Terry/Ty Durby**

**Acolyte: Faith Finer**

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