

Hymn: *I Love Your Kingdom, Lord*..... LBW # 368

Please stand

Nicene Creed page 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.

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The Lord’s Prayer page 91

You may be seated.

Ministration of Holy Communion

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

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Please stand

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: *Lift High the Cross*..... LBW # 377

Purple Note request by Carla Johnson

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist/Pianist: Ruth Sheldon

Lectionary: 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 23, 2016

Service of Holy Communion for the 23rd 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.

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Opening Hymn: *Let the Whole Creation Cry* LBW #242

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Prayer of the Day

(All) Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen.

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Genesis 4:1-15

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.” Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

But the LORD said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.

Psalm 66:1-7 (responsively)

L: Give ear to my words, O LORD,

C: Consider my groaning.

L: Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God,

C: For to You I pray.

L: In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;

C: In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.

L: For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness;

C: No evil dwells with You.

L: The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;

C: You hate all who do iniquity.

L: You destroy those who speak falsehood;

C: The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

L: But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house,

C: At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.

L: O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes;

C: Make Your way straight before me.

L: There is nothing reliable in what they say; their inward part is destruction *itself*.

C: Their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

L: Hold them guilty, O God; by their own devices let them fall!

C: In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out, for they are rebellious against You.

L: But let all who take refuge in You be glad, let them ever sing for joy;

C: And may You shelter them, that those who love Your name may exult in You.

L: For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD,

C: You surround him with favor as with a shield.

Second Lesson: II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Please stand

Alleluia page 83

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-17

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

And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they *began* rebuking them. But Jesus called for them, saying, “Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*.”

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

“Pride vs. Humility” Luke 18:9-17

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Today

6 p.m. Bible Study Club at the Naths

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, October 26

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Next Sunday, October 30

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

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

West Prairie Annual Fall Dinner will be held Sunday, Oct. 30 from 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.)

Emmons Lutheran Church will be holding their annual Lutefisk (and meatballs) Supper on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Seatings are at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$16 for adults, and \$5 for children age 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased from Betty Knutson @ 507/297-5842; Security Bank, Emmons @507/297-5461 or Albert Lea @ 507/373-1481; Bradon Brackey @ Farmers State Bank of Albert Lea, 507/373-1945; Beth Nyguard @ Thrivent Financial in Lake Mills @641-592-0064; or from Sheila Bjelland @ church office, Tue. & Wed. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Secret Prayer Partners revelation and sign-up for 2017 will be held Sunday, Nov. 13 following the worship service. Lunch will be served.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, will be holding their annual Thanksgiving celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 24 at 11:15 a.m. Dinner will begin at 12 noon. Free will donation. For dinner reservations and carry-outs for homebound, call church office at 641-585-3152 by Wed., Nov. 23.

Prayer List... Family of Chad VanDenHul, 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; leave a message on the church answering system at 641/567-3733; or call Pastor Steve at 641/590-7894.

SERMON NOTES ...

“Pride vs. Humility” - Luke 18:9-17

1. The _____ was at the temple for others to see how good he was.
2. The words he prayed were not really directed toward _____.
3. We all struggle with the temptation of trying to please other _____ than pleasing God.
4. The _____ showed up because he was in trouble and he knew God could help him.
5. Some people may come to our church seeking God, but our half-hearted _____ can become a hinderance to them.
6. In some instances, pride can be good. But the Bible warns against the kind of _____ characterized by self-love, egotism, and arrogance.
7. Pride loves to talk about “_____”.
8. Pride seldom admits a _____.
9. Pride sees the _____ of others.
10. God’s measuring stick is not the goodness or badness of another person. His standard is _____.
11. Even the good things we do are dirty compared to the _____.
12. To receive God’s mercy and forgiveness we must _____ ourselves and bow before Him.