

SERMON NOTES . . .

“Ready?” - Matthew 24:36-44

1. Toward the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus delivered this message: “I am _____ at a time you don’t expect. Get ready!”
2. “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the _____, but only the Father.” (Matt. 24:36)
3. Noah preached for more than 100 years to people about the coming _____ of God. But they didn’t listen.
4. God’s punishment is coming again, although this time it won’t be by water but it will be by _____.
5. The day of the Lord’s return will surprise some people like a _____.
6. Jesus tells his disciples and us about the condition of humanity at the time of his return. It will be like that of _____ day.
7. Jesus is trying to warn his disciples and us that it’s time to get right with God and do it _____!
8. In the days before the flood man made his own religion to suit _____, not God. People forgot God!
9. Noah and his family were saved by an ark which God commanded them to build. That ark is a picture of _____.
10. “Whoever believes in him (Jesus) is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands _____ already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” (Jn. 3:18)
11. To _____ in Jesus is more than an intellectual agreement that Jesus is God. It means to put our trust and confidence in him.
12. Christ’s second coming will be swift and sudden. There will be no opportunity for last minute deals with God. The choice we have already made will determine our _____ destiny.

HOPE

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LOVE

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JOY

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PEACE

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Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

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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.

Worship Service for the 1st Sunday of Advent

11 a.m., November 27, 2016

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Reading

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

Opening Hymn, All People That on Earth Do Dwell LBW #245

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise page 81

Prayer of the Day

(All) Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by Your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

The Great Thanksgiving:page 88

The Lord's Prayerpage 91

You may be seated.

Ministration of Holy Communion

Pre-Communion Hymn: Lamb of Godpage 92

Communion Hymns: Grey Hymn Book #s166, 51, 605,

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: O God, Our Help In Ages Past.....LBW #320

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist/Pianist: Sandy Damm Usher: Roger Peterson

Lectionary: Colette Reimann Acolyte: Paris Reimann

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Today

Noon — Potluck dinner followed by filling Shoe Boxes and decorating church for Advent/Christmas season

7 p.m. Youth Group

Next Sunday, December 4

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

Prayer List

Jonie Bang, Marlys Haugen, Blanche Durby, Ben Charlson, Dale Zingg, Angela Haugen, Dorothy Kall, Elaine Ritz, Eldora Reil, Monte Branstad, Mike Haack. All prayer requests can be submitted to: www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer; or leave a message on the church answering system @ 641-567-3733; or call Pastor Steve @ 641-590-7894.

Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Psalm 122 (responsively)

L: I rejoiced with those who said to me,

C: "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

L: Our feet are standing

C: in your gates, Jerusalem.

L: Jerusalem is built like a city

C: that is closely compacted together.

L: That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD—

C: to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel.

L: There stand the thrones for judgment,

C: the thrones of the house of David.

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

C: "May those who love you be secure.

L: May there be peace within your walls

C: and security within your citadels."

L: For the sake of my family and friends,

C: I will say, "Peace be within you."

L: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

C: I will seek your prosperity.

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbor. There love is the fulfillment of the law.

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Please stand

Alleluia.....page 83

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44

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

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

"Ready?" Matthew 24:26-44

Hymn: *Prepare the Royal Highway*.....LBW #26

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

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