

SERMON NOTES . . .

“Repent!” Matthew 3:1-12

1. _____ means doing an about-face – a 180 degree turn from the kind of self-centeredness that leads to wrong actions.
2. A person who repents stops rebelling and begins following God’s way of living prescribed in His _____.
3. “Repent, get ready, prepare the way of the Lord...” _____ turning away from God because God is in search of you.
4. Make _____ paths in your heart and in your life....
5. Of all the things that God wants you to possess, He wants you to have an _____ and a heart of repentance.
6. John was saying in essence: “What I am doing on the outside, I want you to do on the _____.”
7. John condemns the Pharisees and Sadducees because they would not _____; they would not repent.
8. God does love you the way you are but He doesn’t want you to _____ that way.... He has something far better for you and me.
9. God _____ us because of the one that would come after John – “After me, will come one who is more powerful than I....”
10. Jesus allowed himself to be cut down and thrown into the _____, even though he had done nothing wrong.
11. _____ means “to be made holy, set apart for God.”
12. Repentance is a radical _____ of the heart. It takes place as the Holy Spirit changes you through the Word of God. It’s a good thing, a great thing! It is pleasing to God!

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Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!

Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ (LCMC) Synod
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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 2nd Sunday in Advent 11 a.m., December 4, 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 and Reading of the Advent Candle

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

Opening Hymn, Father, We Praise You.....LBW #267

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise page 81

Prayer of the Day

**(All) Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for
Your only Son. By His coming give us strength in our con-
flicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of
this world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen**

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his
roots a Branch will bear fruit.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him—the Spirit of wis-
dom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power,
the Spirit of Knowledge and of the fear of the Lord—and He
will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes, or decide
by what He hears with His ears; but with righteousness He
will judge the needy, with justice He will give decisions for the
poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of His

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Today

7 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, December 6th

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, December 7th

3 p.m. Confirmation Class

5:30 p.m. Bible Study Club meets at Shooterz, Forest City

6 p.m. Sarah Circle meets at Leland Café

7 p.m. Naomi Circle meets at Shooterz, Forest City

Next Sunday, December 11

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

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

11 a.m. Worship Service

7 p.m. Youth Group

Sunday, December 18th

4:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas program followed by a
soup supper. A bake sale will also be held with proceeds going
to the Sunday School.

Christmas Worship Service, Sunday, December 25th, will be
at 8:30 a.m. at Sion Lutheran, Lake Mills.

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.

Benediction:.....page 95

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 Usher: Bryon Holst

Lectionary: Paris Reimann Acolyte: Easton Jacobs

mouth; with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be His belt and faithfulness the sash around His waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to Him, and His place of rest will be glorious.

Psalm 72:1-7 (responsively)

L: Give the king Your justice, O God

C: and Your righteousness to the king's son;

L: that he may rule Your people righteously

C: and the poor with justice;

L: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,

C: and the little hills bring righteousness.

L: He shall defend the needy among the people;

C: He shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor,

L: He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,

C: from one generation to another.

L: He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,

C: like showers that water the earth.

L: In His time shall the righteous flourish;

C: there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Fa-

ther of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: *"Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to Your name."* Again it says, *"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people."* And again, *"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to Him, all you peoples."* And again, Isaiah says, *"The Root of Jesse will spring up, One who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in Him."*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." This is He who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: *"A voice on one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'"*

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by hi in the Jordan River.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come One who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor, gathering His wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

"Repent!" Matthew 3:1-12

Hymn: *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*..... LBW #36

Please stand

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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,

Congregation: 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 Prayer page 91

You may be seated.

Ministration of Holy Communion

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

Communion Hymns:Grey Hymn Book #s 168, 183, 202

Please stand

Post Communion Canticle: *Thank the Lord* page 92

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