

## **SERMON NOTES . . .**

### **“Dead to Sin, Alive to God” Romans 6:1-11**

1. Long before there were cameras there were selfies. The term \_\_\_\_\_ means “love of self”.
2. The focus on \_\_\_\_\_ has been around forever, going back to the garden of Eden with Adam and Eve.
3. “Our old self was \_\_\_\_\_ with Him that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.” (Ro. 6:6)
4. Our Christian life began, for most of us, at our \_\_\_\_\_ when in unity with Christ we died to our old life and were raised to a new life. But that dying to self doesn’t end at our baptism.
5. In theory, living a \_\_\_\_\_ life is simple. In practice, it is hard.
6. “Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to \_\_\_\_\_ what your sinful nature urges you to \_\_\_\_\_.” (Ro. 8:12)
7. In the same way that you must choose to lose weight if you are dieting, you must \_\_\_\_\_ to be obedient to God’s will for your life.
8. “So I say, live by the \_\_\_\_\_ and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.” (Gal. 5:16)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ said, “If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.” (Lk. 9:23)
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ is that we don’t always get it right – sometimes we blow it, we say or do something we regret and we know is wrong.
11. God’s desire is that you not \_\_\_\_\_. That should be our desire too.
12. If you sin, Jesus is with us to pick us up and brush us off and \_\_\_\_\_ us. He won’t pick you up unless you want to be – it’s your choice.



## **West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC**

**Pastor Steve Bang**

# 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.*

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**8:30 a.m.—January 8, 2017**

**Worship Service Sunday of the Baptism of Our Lord**

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## Prelude

## Pastoral Greeting

*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**Opening Hymn, Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** ..... LBW # 90

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

**Hymn of Praise** *Glory to God* ..... page 79

## Prayer of the Day

**(All) Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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 42:1-9

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on earth. In His teaching the islands will put their hope.”

This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the LORD, have called you in right-

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today...

9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
7 p.m. Youth Group

### Tuesday, Jan. 10th

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday, Jan. 11th ...

9 a.m. WOW quilting  
7 p.m. Church council

### Next Sunday, Jan. 15th...

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
Noon potluck  
1 p.m. Annual Meeting  
7 p.m. Youth Group

### Thanks ...

Thanks for all the cards and encouraging words. We appreciate it. Pastor Steve and Jonie

### Attention ...

Please provide your record books along with reconciled bank statements to the auditors, Julie Reimann and Rita Schutter. We need this completed as soon as possible after your books are closed for 2016.

### Prayer List ...

Jonie Bang, Marilyn Holland, Denise Holst, Irene Eide, 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](http://www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer); or leave a message on the church answering system @ 641-567-3733; or call Pastor Steve @ 641-590-7894.

eousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

"I am the LORD; that is My name! I will not yield My glory to another or My praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Here ends the reading.

### Psalm 29 (responsively)

L: Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,

**C: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**C: worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.**

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

**C: the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.**

L: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

**C: the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

**C: the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**

L: He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,

**C: Sirion like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the LORD strikes

**C: with flashes of lightning.**

L: The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;

**C: the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

L: The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

**C: And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

L: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

**C: the LORD is enthroned as King forever.**

L: The LORD gives strength to His people;

**C: the LORD blesses His people with peace.**

**Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11**

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Here ends the reading

*Please stand.*

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

**The Holy Gospel according to:** Matthew 3:13-17

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn:** *Fill Me Now* ..... Grey Hymn Book # 153

*You may be seated.*

**The Sermon:** Pastor Bang

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**Hymn:** *Come, Holy Spirit* ..... Grey Hymn Book #150

*Please stand.*

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

**Prayer**

*Sharing of the Peace.*

*You may be seated.*

**Offering**

*Please stand*

**Offertory:** *Create In Me* ..... page 96

**Pastor:** Let us pray. .... Page 96

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

**Benediction** ..... page 95

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

**Cong.:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn,** *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* ..... LWB #333

**Postlude**

**Pastor:** Steve Bang

**Organist/Pianist:** Melissa Phillips

**Usher:** Jeff Holland

**Lectionary:** Janet Haugen

**Acolyte:** Faith Finer