

SERMON NOTES . . .

“I Knew You” Jeremiah 1:5

1. “Before I formed you in the womb I _____ you. Before you were born I set you apart.” (Jer. 1:5)
2. The Bible says that God _____ the shedding of innocent blood.
3. With over 3,000 abortions per day (average), over _____ innocent lives will be snuffed out during the time we spend in worship today.
4. The pro-abortion crowd yells out for their freedom of choice saying, “It’s my body...” The question remains, “What about the _____ body?”
5. Our _____ as a person is not based on what we do or whether we meet certain criteria or qualities. Our value exists because God made us.
6. The Hebrew verb “to know” is _____ which means personal commitment and intimate experience with the person known.
7. God says each human life is woven by Him, and that He knits together each human frame in the _____.
8. _____ (the killing of an unborn human being), infanticide (the killing of an infant), euthanasia (the killing of the ill and the infirm), and homicide (the murder of human beings at any stage of life) are a revolt against _____, an attempt to usurp the plans of the Creator.
9. What happened to Jerusalem in the days of _____ is a picture of America today. The message for America is clear – repent, receive, and proclaim God’s forgiveness to the world.
10. In the story, Max Lucado’s sweater was valuable not because of its function but because of its maker. So is each _____.
11. Life is sacred because of its _____ nature.
12. To help put an end to the killing of innocent babies, one thing we should do is pray for God to have mercy on us and give us space to repent and to bring national _____!



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.

8:30 a.m.—January 22, 2017

Service of Holy Communion for the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

Opening Hymn, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ...LBW # 526

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast* page 81

Prayer of the Day

(All) Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the Power of Your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before You as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, You have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Here ends the reading.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today . . .

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, Jan. 25th . . .

No Confirmation Class

Thursday, Jan. 26th . . .

Adult Bible Class

Next Sunday, Jan. 29th . . . NOTE TIME CHANGE!

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 School Christmas program . . .

The postponed SS program will be held during worship service on Sunday, February 5th.

Attention . . .

The church council has approved ordering 200 more cookbooks. If you have come across errors in the cookbook, we can make corrections in this printing at no extra charge. Please contact Janell Carson with any recipe corrections. The order will be placed at the end of January.

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; or leave a message on the church answering system @ 641-567-3733; or call Pastor Steve @ 641-590-7894.

You may be seated.

Pre-Communion Canticle, *Lamb of God*..... page 92

The Ministration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns Grey Hymn Book #15, 29, 283, 535

Post-Communion Canticle, *Thank the Lord*..... page 92

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Benediction page 95

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn, *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*.....LWB #481

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist/Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Usher: Jeff Holland

Lectionary: Janet Haugen

Acolyte: Faith Finer

Psalm 27:1-9 (responsively)

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

L: When the wicked advance against me to devour me,

C: it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

L: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;

C: though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

L: One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:

C: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in his temple.

L: For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in his dwelling;

C: He will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

L: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

C: at His sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

L: Hear my voice when I call, LORD;

C: be merciful to me and answer me.

L: My heart says of You, “Seek His face!”

C: Your face, LORD, I will seek.

L: Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger;

C: You have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1:10-18

A Church Divided Over Leaders

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe’s household have informed me

that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Here ends the reading

Please stand.

Alleluia page 83

The Holy Gospel according to: Matthew 4:12-25

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

Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. *This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES— "THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED."*

From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the *son* of Zebe-

dee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and *the* Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* beyond the Jordan

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Bang

"I Knew You" Jeremiah 1:5

Hymn: *Children of the Heavenly Father* LBW #474

Please stand.

Nicene Creed page 84

Prayer

Sharing of the Peace.

You may be seated.

Offering

Please stand

Offertory: *Let the Vineyards* page 86

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Cong.: **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