

SERMON NOTES . . .

“The Second Mile” Matthew 5:38-48

1. As Christians, we are required to live in what we will call “the _____ mile.” Our scripture lesson today describes it.
2. To love your neighbor is the first mile – to love your _____ is the second mile.
3. You can’t be a _____ of Christianity and a _____ of another religion. That would be misguided.
4. Christ lived the second mile by his life and by his _____.
5. If we are going to be like Jesus, we need to _____ our enemies as Christ forgave us.
6. If we don’t learn how to forgive, we become like our _____.
7. People who forgive tend to suffer less from _____, have more friends and family to support them and are better at making friends than those who carry grudges.
8. “Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto _____.” (Matt. 25:40)
9. One of the disciples who lived the second mile was _____ who came back from denying Christ to preach on the Day of Pentecost.
10. Going the second mile means to rise above the instinctive desire to strike back, get even, or settle the score. It means to swallow pride and abandon _____. It means to be slow to anger and quick to forgive. It means to live by grace in the face of unfairness.
11. Jesus went the second mile, all the way to the _____ to bear our sin.



West Prairie Lutheran Church

Steven Bang, pastor

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 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 a.m., February 19, 2017

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

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Opening Hymn, Come, Thou Almighty King..... LBW #522

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise page 79

Prayer of the Day

(All) Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

"Do not steal.

"Do not lie.

"Do not deceive one another.

"Do not swear falsely by My name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

"Do not defraud or rob your neighbor.

"Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, February 21...

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Next Sunday, February 26...

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

7 p.m. Youth Group

Thanks to Jerry Fjeld for sharing the news about Gideons International. Also, thanks to Linda Saxton and Jerry for their special music.

Announcements, news items are due Thursday, Feb. 23rd to be included in the March newsletter.

Ash Wednesday worship service will be held March 1st at 7 p.m. at West Prairie. The Lenten theme is "He Chose the Nails." A meal will not be served prior to the service.

Waldorf University will be hosting the "Stop Hunger" food packing event on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. in the Atrium. They are in need of volunteers for one-hour shifts: 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 p.m. Please contact Jaci Thorson at 641-585-3152 (jaci@immanuelfamily.com) if you would like to volunteer and to set your preferred time.

Prayer List — Health concerns for Jonie Bang, Denise Holst, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, Marlys Haugen, Mike Haack, Dale Zingg, Dorothy Kall, Ben Charlson, Monte Branstad, Blanche Durby, Eldora Reil; Angela Haugen serving in the military. Prayer requests can be submitted to Pastor Steve @641-590-7894; or leave a message on the church answering system @641-567-3733.

"Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD.

"Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

"Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

"Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD.

"Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Psalm 119:33-40 (responsively)

L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,

C: and I shall observe it to the end.

L: Give me understanding, that I may observe Thy law,

C: and keep it with all my heart.

L: Make me walk in the path of Thy commandments,

C: for I delight in it.

L: Incline my heart to Thy testimonies,

C: and not to dishonest gain.

L: Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity,

C: and revive me in Thy ways.

L: Establish Thy word to Thy servant,

C: as that which produces reverence for Thee.

L: Turn away my reproach which I dread,

C: for Thine ordinances are good.

L: Behold, I long for Thy precepts;

C: revive me through Thy righteousness.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 3:10-23

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is,

because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

Please stand.

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The Gospel according to Matthew 5:38-48

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

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will

you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of our Lord.

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

You may be seated.

Gideon presentation by Jerry Fjeld

Special Music by Linda Saxton and Jerry Fjeld

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

"The Second Mile" Matthew 5:38-48

Hymn, *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*LBW #492

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed..... page 85

Prayer

Congregational Response: Hear my prayer.

Sharing of the peace.

You may be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Offertory, *Create In Me a Clean Heart*..... page 96

Prayer

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

Benediction page 97

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*LBW #351

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Paris Reimann

Usher: Terry Durby, Ty Durby

Acolyte: Paris Reimann