

## SERMON NOTES . . .

### “Pay Attention!” Matthew 17:1-9

1. In Matthew 17, we have God trying to get the \_\_\_\_\_ of Peter, James, and John.
2. A voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. \_\_\_\_\_ to him!”
3. In Deuteronomy 7:12 God says to Israel, “If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to \_\_\_\_\_ them, then the Lord your God will keep His covenant of love with you.”
4. Why should we pay attention to God? Because He wants to share with us. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ us full measure of His blessings.
5. The choice we have in this life is: “Do we want God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives or do we want our own plans?”
6. God wants our attention, but too often we get \_\_\_\_\_ by other things – making money, work, school, friends, sports, family.
7. Peter had been focusing on ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ’ things, but it all paled in comparison to Christ.
8. You can have all kinds of important things in your life but if they crowd out \_\_\_\_\_ or if you’re tempted to build ‘little tents’ like Peter did, one for your job, your family, your finances, etc., you’re in trouble.
9. God expects to have \_\_\_\_\_ place in our lives.
10. God has one central focus – “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. \_\_\_\_\_ to him!” (Pay attention!)
11. If you want to listen to Jesus, you must \_\_\_\_\_ His word, go to worship, get involved in Sunday School, mid-week study, devotion with your loved ones.
12. “Let us \_\_\_\_\_ our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...” (Heb. 12:2)



West Prairie Lutheran  
Church

# Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

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Steve Bang, pastor

Please sign the attendance sheets located at the end of each pew.

If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.

We invite you to join us again!

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**8:30 a.m. — February 26, 2017**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Worship Service with Holy Communion**

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.

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## Prelude

### Pastoral Greeting

*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**Opening Hymn, *What Wondrous Love Is This*** ..... LBW #385

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

**Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast*** ..... page 81

## Prayer of the Day

**(All) Almighty God, on the mountain You showed Your glory in the transfiguration of Your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the King in all His glory; 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.*

**Hymn requested by Merle Durby** ..... page 7 of bulletin

**First Lesson:** Exodus 24:8-18

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under His feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. But God did not raise His hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

### Wednesday, March 1...

7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service @ West Prairie

### Thursday, March 2...

7 p.m. Naomi Circle w/Lanette Branstad

7 p.m. Sarah Circle w/Irene Eide

### Next Sunday, March 5...

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

**Prayer List — 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. All prayer requests can be submitted to [www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer](http://www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer); call Pastor Steve @641-590-7894; or leave a message on the church answering system @641-567-3733.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and any -one involved in a dispute can go to them.”

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

### **Psalm 2:6-12** (responsively)

L: “But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion,

### **C: My holy mountain.**

L: “I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord:

### **C: He said to Me, ‘Thou art My son, today I have begotten Thee.**

L: “Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance,

### **C: and the very ends of the earth as Thy possession.**

L: “Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron,

### **C: Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware.”**

L: Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;

### **C: take warning, O judges of the earth.**

L: Worship the Lord with reverence,

### **C: and rejoice with trembling.**

L: Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled.

### **C: How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!**

### **Second Lesson: II Peter 1:16-21**

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Ma-

jestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Here ends the reading.

**The Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

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

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” He said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

“Pay Attention” Matthew 17:1-9

**Hymn,** *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* .....LBW #403

**Nicene Creed** ..... page 84

**Prayer**

**Congregational Response:** Hear my prayer.

Sharing of the peace.

You may be seated.

**Offering**

Please stand.

**Offertory,** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* ..... 86

Pastor: Let us pray,

**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 Words of Institution** ..... page 89

**The Lord’s Prayer**..... page 91

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymns**.....Grey Hymn Book #108, 136, 466

**Post-Communion Canticle** ..... page 92 & 93

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**Benediction** ..... page 97

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

**Closing Hymn,** *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*..... LBW #379

**Postlude**

**Pastor:** Steve Bang

**Pianist:** Melissa Phillips

**Lectionary:** Paris Reimann

**Usher:** Terry Durby, Ty Durby

**Acolyte:** Paris Reimann