



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 Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m., April 9, 2017

Prelude

The congregation will enter the sanctuary and place the palm leaves at the foot of the cross while singing the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Grey Book #248

Pastoral Greeting

Remain standing.

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Prayer of the Day

(All) Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon Him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Here ends the reading.

SERMON NOTES. . .

“The Cross = The Compass” John 12:12-19

1. We all need direction, a map, a guide, a _____ to point us in the right direction. Jesus had a direction, a compass for His life.
2. Palm Sunday was not the end of Jesus’ journey – the _____ was the end of His journey.
3. It was certainly fitting that a _____ be honored as Jesus was honored on Palm Sunday.
4. Peter wanted Jesus to be king but not the _____ servant.
5. “If anyone would come after me, he must _____ himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”
6. Two words that cannot go together in a Christian’s language are, “No, _____.” The two words contradict each other.
7. We are self-centered, self-seeking people. When Christ is your Lord and you say “_____” to Him, you remove self from the throne of life.
8. Satan would say to save your life and enjoy it. Get what you want. But Jesus warns, “If you attempt to save your life, you will _____ it.”
9. Jesus was committed to his Father’s _____... all the way!
10. Palm Sunday was a foretaste of what the eternal _____ is all about.
11. _____ says, “Fight for your rights, forget your vows and responsibilities.” God says, “Yield your rights and keep your vows and responsibilities.”
12. You cannot _____ a piece of wood that suspends the greatest claim in history – that Christ died for our sins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today . . .

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, April 12 . . .

9 a.m. WOW Quilting; noon lunch at Mitchell's

Thursday, April 13 . . .

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion at West Prairie

Friday, April 14 . . .

7 p.m. Good Friday service at Sion

Next Sunday, Easter Worship Service . . .

7 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

8 a.m. Easter Breakfast

Prayer List — Health concerns for Ralph Holst, Jonie Bang, Denise Holst, Robert Olsen, 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 Pastor Steve @641-590-7894; or leave a message on the church answering system @641-567-3733.

Psalm 31:9-16 (responsively)

L: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;

C: my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

L: For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;

C: my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

L: I have become a reproach to ally my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance;

C: when they see me in the street they avoid me.

L: I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;

C: I am as useless as a broken pot.

L: For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

C: they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

L: But as for me, I have trusted in You, O Lord.

C: I have said, "You are my God.

L: My times are in Your hand;

C: rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

L: Make Your face to shine upon Your servant.

C: and in Your lovingkindness save me."

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Here ends the lesson.

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THE GOSPEL: John 12:12-19

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Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is writ-ten: “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your King is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”

At first His disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about Him and that these things had been done to him.

Now the crowd that was with Him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that He had performed this sign, went out to meet Him. So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after Him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Special Music: *The Holy City*Lanette Branstad

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

“The Cross = The Compass” John 12:12-19

Hymn, *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Grey Hymn Book #249

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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

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Grey Book #239

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Julie Reimann

Usher: Gene and Jodi Fjeld

Acolyte: Madison Branstad