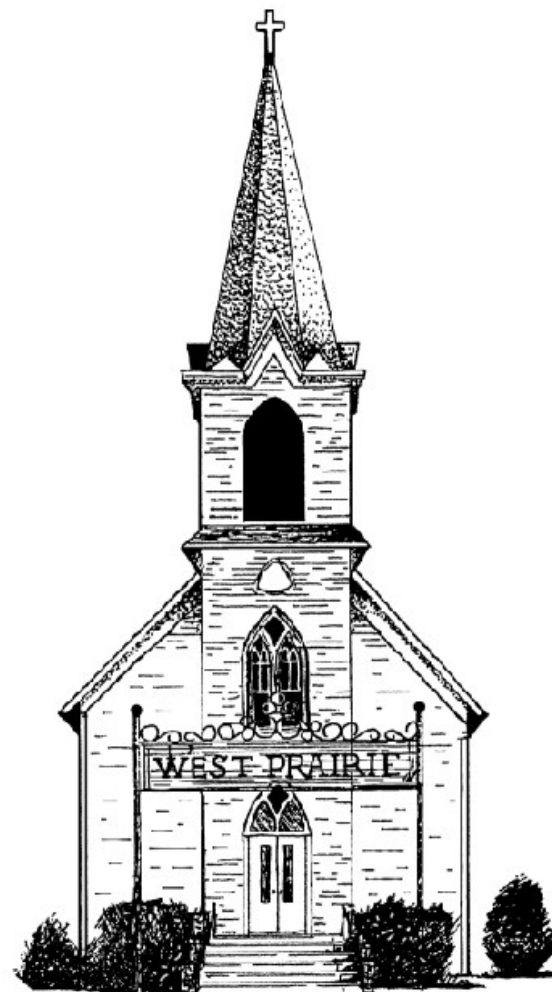


SERMON NOTES . . .

“Saved.... For What?” Acts 2:41-42

1. When new believers came to faith in Jesus, they had spiritual support and _____. They were united with other believers.
2. As Christians, we are not to go it _____. We need to be connected with others in the church.
3. We aren't called to be anonymous in our faith. We are called to confidence and _____.
4. We have something to offer the world that _____ one else can.
5. If we are Christ's disciples, we will bear _____.
6. “And let us consider how we may _____ one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Heb. 10:24)
7. “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us _____ one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Heb. 10:25)
8. Difficulties in our lives should never be _____ for not meeting together.
9. Jesus loved the _____. He gave himself up for her.
10. There is no such thing as a _____ service member in the Army of the Lord.
11. “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be _____.” (Acts 4:12)
12. Once you have given your life to Christ, you have a place and a _____ in his church.



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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 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

Opening Hymn, Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus LBW #389

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise page 79

Prayer of the Day

(All) O God, by the humiliation of Your Son, You lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant Your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today . . .

7 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, May 2 . . .

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, May 3 . . .

7 p.m. Naomi Circle with Rita Schutter

7 p.m. Sarah Circle at the church, potluck and lesson

Next Sunday, May 7 . . .

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:15-10:45 a.m. Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Confirmation

Worship Time Change — Beginning next Sunday, May 7th, and through August, worship service will be at 11 a.m.

Confirmation next Sunday — Annika Juveland and Austin Kirschbaum will be confirmed next Sunday during the worship service.

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

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

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: *Onward, Christian Soldiers*LBW #509

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Julie Reimann

Usher: Gene and Jodi Fjeld

Acolyte: Madison Branstad

whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 116:1-14 (responsively)

L: I love the Lord, because He hears

C: my voice and my supplications.

L: Because He has inclined His ear to me,

C: Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.

L: The cords of death encompassed me, and the terrors of Sheol came upon me;

C: I found distress and sorrow.

L: Then I called upon the name of the Lord;

C: “O Lord, I beseech Thee, save my life!”

L: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

C: Yes, our God is compassionate.

L: The Lord preserves the simple;

C: I was brought low, and He saved me.

L: Return to your rest, O my soul,

C: for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

L: For Thou hast rescued my soul from death,

C: My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

L: I shall walk before the Lord

C: in the land of the living.

L: I believed when I said,

C: “I am greatly afflicted.”

L: I said in my alarm,

C: “All men are liars.”

L: What shall I render to the Lord

C: for all His benefits toward me?

L: I shall lift up the cup of salvation,

C: and call upon the name of the Lord.

L: I shall pay my vows to the Lord,

C: Oh may it be in the presence of all His people.

SECOND LESSON: I Peter 1:17-25

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever."

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Here ends the lesson.

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THE GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

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

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing Him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" He asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.

The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him; but we had hoped that He was the One who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if He were going farther. But they urged Him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So He went in to stay with them.

When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn: *Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak*LBW #403

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

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

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