

SERMON NOTES...

“Remembering Those Who Died” I Peter 4:16

1. Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor those who have fought and _____ to make America free.
2. As we remember those who died for our liberty, it is fitting to remember the One who died to set us _____ from spiritual tyranny.
3. Remembering Jesus, we must recognize that we are the ones who are _____ for his death.
4. “Take and eat, this is my body. Take and drink, this is my blood. Do this in _____ of me.”
5. We remember Christ by thinking about _____ he did and _____ he did it.
6. Eating the bread and drinking the cup shows that we are remembering Christ’s death for us and renewing our commitment to _____ him.
7. We did nothing to earn our salvation. For this we are _____.
8. Like many who willingly gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country, Jesus willingly gave his _____ for us.
9. “_____ lay down my life... no one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own accord.”
10. It was in the Garden of Gethsemane that Jesus made his decision... He would rather go to _____ for you than to go to heaven without you.”
11. Because of our sin, mankind is condemned, but because of one man, Jesus, we have been given _____.
12. “If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but _____ God that you bear that name.”

**Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!
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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!

11 a.m. — May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

Opening Hymn, Christ, Whose Glory Fills the SkiesLBW #265

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise This is the Feast page 81

Prayer of the Day

(All) God, our creator and redeemer, Your Son Jesus prayed that His followers might be one. Make all Christians one with Him and He is one with You, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of Your love; through 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 1:12-26

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 29th...

Sion Lutheran is holding their annual Memorial Day dinner serving scalloped potatoes and ham, salads, drinks and desserts for \$8.00, serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy good food & fellowship.

Sunday, June 4th...

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

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

11 a.m. Worship Service

Open House Today — The congregation is invited to an open house honoring Dorothy Bang on her 90th birthday at the Forest City Senior Center from 3 to 5 p.m.

Pastor Bang and Jonie will be on vacation from Monday, May 29 through June 5th. Bonnie Iverson will be leading the worship service on June 4th. If you are in need of a pastor, please call Pastor Steve @641-590-7894.

The June newsletter will be in your mail boxes today. If anyone would like to receive the newsletter via email, rather than paper copy, please let me know. Lou Nath

There will be no mid-week Adult Bible Classes during the month of June.

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.

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Hymn, *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*.....LBW #133

Offering

Please stand.

Offertory, *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*page 86

Prayer:page 87

The Great Thanksgiving.....page 88

The Words of Institution.....page 89

The Lord's Prayerpage 91

Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns Grey Hymn Book #

Post-Communion Canticle *Thank the Lord*page 92 & 93

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Benediction.....page 97

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*LBW #356

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Lectionary: Janet Haugen

Ushers: Roger Peterson and Mark Peterson

Acolyte: Jack Holland

James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

(With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

“For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms: “*May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,*’ and, “*May another take his place of leadership.*’

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, “Lord, You know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two You have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 68:1-10 (responsively)

L: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered;

C: let those who hate Him flee before Him.

L: Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;

C: as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

L: But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

C: let them also be merry and joyful.

L: Sing to God, sing praises to His name; exalt Him who rides

upon the heavens;

C: YAHWEH is His name, rejoice before Him!

L: Father of orphans, defender of widows,

C: God in His holy habitation!

L: God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;

C: but the rebels shall live in dry places.

L: O God, when You went forth before Your people,

C: when You marched through the wilderness,

L: the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

C: at the presence of God, the God of Sinai.

L: You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon Your inheritance;

C: You refreshed the land when it was weary.

L: Your people found their home in it,

C: in Your goodness, O God, You have made provision for the poor.

SECOND LESSON: I Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls

around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Here ends the reading.

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THE GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

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

After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You. For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have brought You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began.

"I have revealed You to those whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me and they have obeyed Your word. Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You. For I gave them the words You gave Me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they are Yours. All I have is Yours, and all You have is Mine. And glory has come to Me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name, the name You gave Me, so that they may be one as We are one.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang