

SERMON NOTES...

“True Freedom” Romans 7:6

1. “By dying to what once bound us, we have been _____ from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit.”
2. The Bible tells us that, spiritually speaking, no one is _____.
3. We are set free from the penalty and power of sin through the _____ of Jesus Christ.
4. A Christian has nothing to offer the Lord in payment for his forgiveness. He is totally owned by the _____ who bought him with his shed blood on the cross.
5. We are not hired by God; we _____ to Him.
6. When the _____ is working within you, you will believe that Jesus is God’s Son and that eternal life comes through him; you will begin to act as Christ directs; you will find help in your daily problems and in your praying; you will be empowered to serve God and do His will; and you will become part of God’s plan to build up the church.
7. Paul tells the Ephesians to “put off” the old self with its deceit and corruption and “_____” the new self with its righteousness.
8. We have been set free from the _____ of sin, but we often put the chains back on because part of us loves the old life.
9. The Christian life is one of death to _____ and rising to newness of life.
10. We strengthen the new nature by continually feeding on the _____ of God, and through prayer we obtain the power we need to escape the desire to return to the old life of sin.
11. You are free to choose between two masters, but you are not free to manipulate the _____ of your choice.

**Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!
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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!

11 a.m. — July 2, 2017

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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, God of Our Fathers.....LBW #567

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise This is the Feast page 81

Prayer of the Day

(All) God, our maker and redeemer, You have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known Your promises to all the world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. He said, "Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the LORD's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, July 5...

7 p.m. Sarah Circle with Shirley Schutter

Sunday, July 9...

10:15-10:45 a.m. Fellowship (celebrating the 60th wedding anniversary of Denny and Judy Norstrud)

11 a.m. Worship Service

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

Prayer List — Health concerns for Jonie Bang, Denise Holst, Marlys Haugen, Dale Zingg, Ben Charlson, Blanche Durby, Eldora Reil, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, Mike Haack, Dorothy Kall, Monte Branstad; 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.

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Lectionary: Louise Nath

Ushers: Bob and Louise Nath

Acolyte: Faith Finer

and great kingdoms. But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true.”

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 119:153-160 (responsively)

L: Behold my affliction and deliver me,

C: for I do not forget Your law.

L: Plead my cause and redeem me;

C: according to Your promise, give me life.

L: Deliverance is far from the wicked,

C: for they do not study Your statutes.

L: Great is Your compassion, O Lord;

C: preserve my life, according to Your judgments.

L: There are many who persecute and oppress me,

C: yet I have not swerved from Your decrees.

L: I look with loathing at the faithless,

C: for they have not kept Your word.

L: See how I love Your commandments!

C: O Lord, in Your mercy, preserve me.

L: The heart of Your word is truth;

C: all Your righteous judgments endure forevermore.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:1-13

Released From the Law, Bound to Christ

Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. But now, by dying to what once

bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

The Law and Sin

What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand.

Alleluia: page 83

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34-42

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

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law--a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'

"Anyone who loves their father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for My sake will find it.

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes Me, and anyone who welcomes Me welcomes the One who sent Me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone

gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is My disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

"True Freedom" Romans 7:6

Hymn, *America, the Beautiful*..... Grey Hymn Book #690

Please stand.

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Prayer

Congregational Response: Hear my prayer.

Sharing of the peace.

You may be seated.

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 Prayer..... page 91

Prayer

You may be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Please follow direction of ushers.

Communion Hymns..... Grey Hymn Book #695, 686, 685

Please Stand.

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

Prayer..... page 94

Benediction page 97

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, *Battle Hymn of the Republic* Grey Book #692