

## SERMON NOTES. . .

### “Listening to God” Matthew 13:1-9

1. Jesus is telling this story to illustrate how God intended to spread the gospel across the land and bring people to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The seed is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
3. The farmer in Jesus’ parable is scattering his seed over \_\_\_\_\_ the land he has, trusting that the seed will bear fruit.
4. Jesus scattered the seed to all kinds of soil, and spent much of his time with \_\_\_\_\_, not self-righteous.
5. The condition of the soil is not the greatest concern. God is looking for those who will hear and \_\_\_\_\_ to His Word.
6. God calls us to be \_\_\_\_\_ and fruitful.
7. Do not be discouraged if you do not always see results in people’s lives. That’s the \_\_\_\_\_ work. Our work is to listen to God, obey Him, and share His good Word.
8. “He who has ears, let him \_\_\_\_\_.”
9. The four types of \_\_\_\_\_ represent different responses to God’s message. People respond differently at different times and circumstances.
10. Coming to \_\_\_\_\_ and worship is important but it is not the only thing necessary for an obedient Christian to do.
11. True worship of God happens when we put God \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives, allowing Him to lead our lives daily.
12. The proof of genuine salvation is shown not only by listening and responding to the Word, but by the \_\_\_\_\_ produced by the Holy Spirit as we abide in Jesus, the vine.

## Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!

### Lutheran Congregation 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.*

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### Worship Service for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 11 a.m., July 16, 2017

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#### Prelude

#### Pastoral Greeting

*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**Opening Hymn, O Savior, Precious Savior** ..... LBW #514

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

**Hymn of Praise** ..... page 79

#### Prayer of the Day

**(All) O God, You have prepared for those who love You joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for You that, loving You above all things, we may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*You may be seated.*

#### First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.”

Here ends the reading.

**Psalm 65:9-13** (responsively)

L: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; You make it very plenteous;

**C: the river of God is full of water.**

L: You prepare the grain,

**C: for so You provide for the earth.**

L: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

**C: with heavy rain You soften the ground and bless its increase.**

L: You crown the year with Your goodness,

**C: and Your paths overflow with plenty.**

L: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,

**C: and the hills be clothed with joy.**

L: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;

**C: let them shout for joy and sing.**

**Second Lesson:** Romans 8:12-17

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

Here ends the lesson.

*Please stand.*

**Alleluia:** .....page 83

**The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today...**

5 p.m. Bible Study Club picnic at the home of Phyllis

Dsique

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Next Sunday, July 23 ...**

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

11 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Congratulations** to Pastor Steve and Jonie & Jan and Julie Reimann on their 38th wedding anniversary. Thanks for sharing the anniversary cake with us during fellowship today.

**Bible Study Club** picnic today at the home of Phyllis Disque, 35522 155th Ave., Forest City. Phyllis is furnishing brats, buns, beverages, and table service. Please bring a dish to pass.

**Thanks to Jonie Bang** for the flowers today on the altar.

**Vacation Bible School — 1 Evening Only!** Friday, August 4th — beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m. with the program from 6 to 8 p.m. Zion Lutheran Youth of Clear Lake, will lead this free program, “Treasure Seekers,” for all kids ages 5—12. For more information, call Lanette at 641-590-2714.

**Mark your calendar** for Saturday, Oct. 14, when Zion Lutheran of Clear Lake will host a LCMC 500th anniversary celebration with worship, fellowship and a special choir comprised of members from various local congregations. More information will forthcoming on this exciting event.

**Announcements** can be sent to [westprairie.lc@gmail.com](mailto:westprairie.lc@gmail.com).

**Prayer List** — Health concerns for Jonie Bang, Leah Branstad, Alan Goranson, Denise Holst, Misty Juveland, Marlys Haugen, Blanche Durby, Dale Zingg, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, Mike Haack, Dorothy Kall, Ben Charlson, Monte Branstad, Eldora Reil; Angela Haugen in the military. All prayer requests can be submitted to [www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer](http://www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer); leave a message on the church answering system @641-567-3733; or call Pastor Steve @641-590-7894.

**Offering**

Please stand.

**Offertory**, *Create In Me a Clean Heart*..... page 96

**Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer** ..... page 97

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

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn**, *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*..... Grey Book #601

**Postlude**

**Pastor: Steve Bang**

**Organist: Ruth Sheldon**

**Lectionary: Louise Nath**

**Ushers: Bob and Louise Nath**

**Acolyte: Faith Finer**

a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then He told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

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

**Hymn**, *O Word of God Incarnate* .....LBW #231

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

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**Hymn**, *When Seed Falls on Good Soil* .....LBW #236  
*Please stand.*

**Apostles’ Creed** .....page 85

**Prayer**

**Congregational Response:** Hear my prayer.

Sharing of the peace.

You may be seated.