

SERMON NOTES. . .

“Understanding Romans 8:28”

1. “And we know that ____ all things God works for the good of those who _____ Him, who have been _____ according to His purpose.”
2. Not everything that God allows is _____.
3. No matter what happens, no bad thing that ever happens, can affect God’s _____ for us.
4. Those who pin every disease, financial disaster, and betrayal on the direct action of _____ are headed down a wrong path.
5. There’s something in Rom. 8:28 that many people miss altogether: This promise is not a promise for _____.
6. This promise is for those who _____ God and are _____ according to His purpose.
7. God’s Word and promise sometimes has a _____ applied to it.
8. If you are living in deliberate _____ to God in some area of your life, God doesn’t promise to step in and fix it.
9. The misunderstanding of Rom. 8:28 causes a lot of people to misplace the _____ for their situation.
10. Sometimes the trials and hardships we face are the results of sinful _____ we make. Sometimes bad things happen because we live in a _____ world.
11. When it comes to the consequences of the fall, we aren’t offered immunity. We are offered _____.
12. Sometimes God does take bad and use it to produce good. The ultimate example is Jesus’ _____.

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.

Worship Service for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 11 a.m., July 30, 2017

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

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Opening Hymn, *You Servants of God* LBW #252

Kyrie..... page 78

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Prayer of the Day

(All) Almighty God, we thank You for planting in us the seed of Your word. By Your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession.

The LORD did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath He swore to your ancestors that He brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 125 (responsively)

L: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,

C: which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

L: The hills stand about Jerusalem;

C: so does the Lord stand round about His people, from this time forth forevermore.

L: The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just,

C: so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

L: Show Your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good

C: and to those who are true of heart.

L: As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;

C: but peace be upon Israel

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:28-39

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, August 2...

7 p.m. Naomi Circle meets with Lori Jacobs

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

Friday, August 4th...

5:30 p.m. meal; VBS program 6 to 8 p.m. — “Treasure Seekers” led by Zion Lutheran staff of Clear Lake. There’s still time to sign up — see or call Lanette at 641-590-2714.

Next Sunday, August 6...

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

11 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

7 p.m. Youth Group

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.

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

Please stand.

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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 High the Cross LBW #377

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Pianist: Sandy Damm

Lectionary: Louise Nath

Ushers: Bob and Louise Nath

Acolyte: Faith Finer

nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here ends the lesson.

Please stand.

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The Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Response: Glory to You, O Lord page 83

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

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

You may be seated.

Hymn, If You But Trust in God to Guide You LBW #453

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

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Hymn, Trust and Obey Grey Hymn Book #454