

SERMON NOTES. . .

“Let Go of the Branch” Romans 11:1-2a; Proverbs 3:5-6

1. “..Did God reject His people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not _____ His people, whom He foreknew.” (Paul – Rom. 11:1-2a)
2. There are lots of reasons why we should trust God. One big reason is because when we trust God, He _____ us.
3. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will _____ your path.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)
4. When people let you down, _____ will not. He will never fail us.
5. God has a right to direct our lives and change our plans, even though we may not _____ it.
6. God chose the _____ to be the people through whom the rest of the world could find salvation.
7. When the Jews neglected their mission, God blessed the _____ anyway through the Jewish Messiah.
8. Noah trusted God and did what God had given him to do and because of his trust, he and his family were _____.
9. God will not force us to make the right _____. We need to bring it to Him and He will, in His time, direct us.
10. God leads you through His Word. God can also lead you through Godly _____, from whom we get wisdom and counsel.
11. God will never give up on _____.
12. We may not fully understand why Jesus would love us so much but he does. “Let go of the branch.” You can _____ him!

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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 11 a.m., August 20, 2017

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

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Opening Hymn, “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior SpokeLBW #455

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise page 79

Prayer of the Day

(All) Lord God, Your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give His life for the world. Lead us by His love to serve all those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Salvation for Others

This is what the LORD says: “Maintain justice and do what is right, for My salvation is close at hand and My righteousness will soon be revealed.

And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to Him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be His servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to My covenant— these I will bring to My holy mountain and give them joy in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

The Sovereign LORD declares—He who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 67 (responsively)

L: May God be merciful to us and bless us,

C: show us the light of His countenance, and come to us.

L: Let Your ways be known upon earth,

C: Your saving health among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise You.

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for You judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

L: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise You.

L: The earth has brought forth her increase;

C: may God, our own God, give us His blessing.

L: May God give us His blessing,

C: and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of Him.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32

The Remnant of Israel

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject His people, whom He foreknew.

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God’s gifts and His call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Next Sunday, August 27...

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

11 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

7 p.m. Youth Group

Bible Study Club meets after worship today with a potluck dinner followed by a movie.

Remember to pray for our college students and all other students and teachers as they return to school.

Announcements can be sent to westprairie.lc@gmail.com. September newsletter articles are due August 23rd.

Remember... Beginning September 3rd—Worship at 8:30 a.m.; Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages begins Sept. 10 at 9:45 a.m. Confirmation class and midweek Adult Bible Study will begin in September— dates and times will be announced in bulletin.

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.

Prayer List — Health concerns for Jonie Bang, Leah Branstad, Bob Nath, 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.

you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that He may have mercy on them all.

Here ends the lesson.

Please stand.

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The Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

Jesus did not answer a word. So His disciples came to Him and urged Him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

The woman came and knelt before Him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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

You may be seated.

Hymn, I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus LBW #460

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

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

Please stand.

Apostles’ Creed..... page 85

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, O God of Jacob.....LBW #477

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Lectionary: Colette Reimann

Ushers: Larry and Joan West

Acolyte: Paris Reimann