

SERMON NOTES. . .

“Are You a Living Sacrifice?” Romans 12:1-2

1. “Therefore, I urge you, in view of God’s mercy to offer your bodies as _____ sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be _____ by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will.” (Rom. 12:1-2)
2. The dictionary defines ‘ _____ ’ as ‘anything consecrated & offered to God.’
3. We are a living sacrifice for God, not being conformed to this _____.
4. Worldliness is characterized by 3 attitudes: 1) the lust of the _____ 2) the lust of the _____ 3) the pride of _____.
5. Being transformed by the renewing of our minds is primarily achieved by the power of God’s _____.
6. If you’re a believer, God has called you to be a _____ agent in the world, fulfilling His purposes wherever you go.
7. Paul divides people into two categories: those who let themselves be controlled by their sinful natures and those who follow the _____.
8. Radical change must be rooted in a solid core of Biblical _____.
9. _____ is essential in the life of a Christian. No exceptions.
10. If you are not feeding on the Bible, you will die _____.
11. Christians are called to be engaged in the world but not _____ (opposing God) in their ways and thinking.
12. The result of transformation is that we will be able to test and approve what God’s _____ is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)
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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. — August 27, 2017

Twelfth 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, Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus..... LBW #389

Kyrie..... page 78

Hymn of Praise This is the Feast..... page 81

Prayer of the Day

(All) Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

Everlasting Salvation for Zion

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with

compassion on all her ruins; He will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

“Listen to me, My people; hear Me, My nation: Instruction will go out from Me; My justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, My salvation is on the way, and My arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to Me and wait in hope for My arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But My salvation will last forever, My righteousness will never fail

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

Psalm 138 (responsively)

L: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart;

C: before the gods I will sing Your praise.

L: I will bow down toward Your holy temple and praise Your name;

C: because of Your love and faithfulness,

L: for You have glorified Your name

C: and Your word above all things.

L: When I called, You answered me;

C: You increased my strength within me.

L: All the kings of the earth will praise You, O Lord,

C: when they have heard the words of Your mouth.

L: They will sing of the ways of the Lord,

C: that great is the glory of the Lord.

L: Though the Lord be high, He cares for the lowly;

C: He perceives the haughty from afar.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You keep me safe;

C: You stretch forth Your hand against the fury of my enemies; Your right hand shall save me.

L: The Lord will make good His purpose for me;

C: O Lord, Your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of Your hands.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:33-12:8

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge

Pastor: Steve Bang

Pianist: Sandy Damm

Lectionary: Colette Reimann

Ushers: Larry and Joan West

Acolyte: Paris Reimann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Next Sunday, September 3...

8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

7 p.m. Youth Group

Worship Service begins at 8:30 a.m. beginning next Sunday, Sept. 3.

Confirmation Class will have four students, two from West Prairie and two from Sion. They will meet twice a month at alternate locations. We begin Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 3 p.m. Classes for Sept. 13 & 27 will be at West Prairie.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 14, when Zion Lutheran of Clear Lake will host an LCMC 500th anniversary celebration of the Reformation 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, Alan Goranson, Denise Holst, Misty Juveland, Bob Nath, 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.

of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand.

Alleluia: page 83

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will

build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then He ordered His disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

"Are You a Living Sacrifice? Romans 12:1-2

Hymn, *Living For Jesus*..... Grey Hymn Book #462

Creed..... page 84

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 Book #456, 468, 466

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, *Wide Open Are Your Hands*LBW #489