

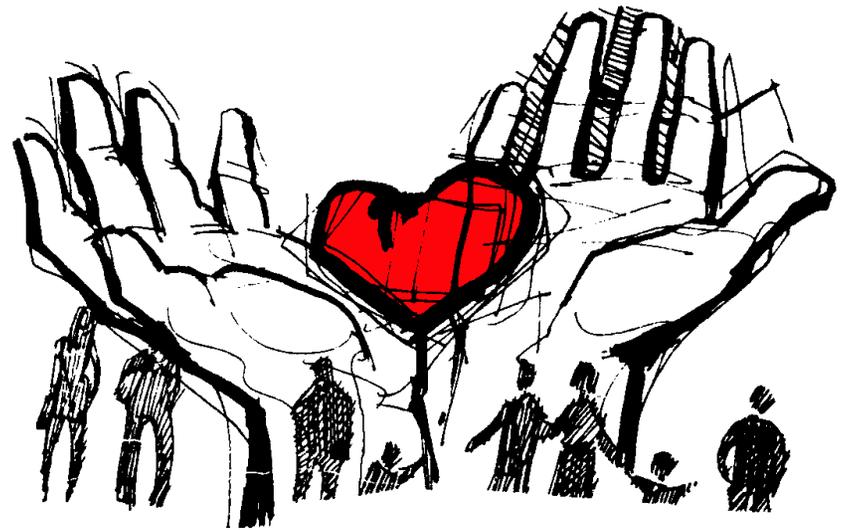
SERMON NOTES...

“Are We Those People?” Romans 12:9-21

1. Romans 12:9-21 deals with the fundamentals, the _____ & _____ of what it means to live out our lives as Jesus' followers.
2. First of all, it is a rather _____ passage.
3. Second of all, we see this passage is very _____.
4. Apostle Paul could discuss with anyone the finer points of the law. He was also a blue collar worker, coming from a family of _____.
5. Thirdly, we see this passage to be filled with great _____, energy, drive, and enthusiasm. Paul was serious about living our lives.
6. Paul begins talking about three things in general: 1) Sharing agape _____ 2) _____ one another 3) _____ one another.
7. Reading these 13 verses won't take long. Living them out will take a _____ and it will take more power, passion, and energy than any of us possess in our own strength.
8. It is not easy to 'hate what is evil and cling to what is good'. When we do that, we are in a fierce _____ battle.
9. All of this sounds crazy and it is to Satan and the world around us who try to get us to conform to their desires. It's crazy because we have to abandon a mindset that says, “_____ first!”
10. It's crazy because it means our focus is on things above and helping others. But it's not crazy to _____ and those committed to Jesus.
11. Can you imagine what would happen if people really took the time to pray for one another and seek to honor one another? It would be a place led and saturated by the presence of the _____.
12. The key to Romans 12:9-21 is allowing the Lord to have all of us and allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us into vessels that glorify him. It is allowing the Lord to _____ himself into us so we can pour out His blessings to others. Are we those people?

Spread the Love of God
Through your life —
But only use words
When necessary.

Mother Theresa



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!

8:30 a.m. — September 3, 2017
Thirteenth 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 Forgivenesspage 77

Opening Hymn, Beautiful Savior LBW #518

Kyriepage 78

Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast*page 81

Prayer of the Day

(All) Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for Your sake. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear Your name, LORD God Almighty.

I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because Your hand was on me and You had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails.

Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve Me; if you utter worthy, not

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, Sept. 6...

7 p.m. Sarah Circle meets at the church w/Janet Haugen

Next Sunday, September 10...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Correction for Wednesday, Sept. 13, WOW meets at 9 a.m. for quilting; noon lunch at Mitchell's.

Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake will be hosting a one day relationship building conference put on by Love & Respect, hosted by comedian Daren Streblov. While it is primarily for marriages, everyone is welcome. It is Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and cost is \$30 per person which includes lunch catered by Rib Crib and a ticket to comedian, Daren S. on Sunday night from 6:30 – 8 p.m. all held at the Dock.

Interested in Sunday night only? For \$10 you can enjoy dessert and the comedian. Must register online at <http://zionclearlake.org/love-respect>

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, Sidney Eilers (Shirley Schutter's granddaughter), 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.

worthless, words, you will be My spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

Psalm 26 (responsively)

L: Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;

C: I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

L: Tet me, O Lord, and try me;

C: examine my heart and my mind.

L: For Your love is before my eyes;

C: I have walked faithfully with You.

L: I have not sat with the worthless,

C: nor do I consort with the deceitful.

L: I have hated the company of evildoers;

C: I will not sit down with the wicked.

L: I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,

C: that I may go in procession round Your altar,

L: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving

C: and recounting all Your wonderful deeds.

L: Lord, I love the house in which You dwell

C: and the place where Your glory abides.

L: Do not sweep me away with sinners,

C: nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

L: whose hands are full of evil plots,

C: and their right hand full of bribes.

L: As for me, I will live with integrity;

C: redeem me, O Lord, and have pit on me.

L: My foot stands on level ground;

C: in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:33-12:8

Love in Action

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, *O Savior, Precious Savior*LBW #514

Pastor: Steve Bang

Pianist: Sandy Damm

Lectionary: Caroll Carson

Ushers: John Haugen and Bryan Holst

Acolyte: Madison Branstad

above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand.

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THE GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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

Jesus Predicts His Death

From that time on Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to You!"

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,

but whoever loses their life for Me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father's glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what they have done.

"Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

"Are We Those People?" Romans 12:9-21

Hymn, *They'll Know We Are Christians* Grey Hymn Book #677

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

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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.....LBW #213, 381,448

Please Stand.

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