

## SERMON NOTES . . .

### “Who’s in Charge?” Romans 13:1-5

1. Conflict often comes about because people forget \_\_\_\_\_ in charge.
2. “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no \_\_\_\_\_ except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the absence or denial of authority or established order.
4. God created \_\_\_\_\_ to establish order, punish evil, and promote justice.
5. When Paul wrote to the Romans, he was under the government of Rome during the reign of \_\_\_\_\_, perhaps the most evil of all Roman emperors. Still, he recognized the government’s rule & authority.
6. “ ...Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed and those who resist will incur \_\_\_\_\_.”
7. What is very interesting is that \_\_\_\_\_ seems to play by the same rules that He asks us to abide by.
8. In the exodus with Moses, God was asking Pharaoh’s \_\_\_\_\_ for Israel to leave Egypt.
9. When dealing with those in authority, you must always treat them with \_\_\_\_\_, no matter who they are or what they’ve done or what they stand for.
10. As soon as the law of the land contradicts God’s command, we are to obey \_\_\_\_\_ law. However, we must be willing to bear the consequences of our action.
11. If you suffer for doing \_\_\_\_\_ & endure it, this is commendable before God.
12. God’s Word tells us to obey the law, to \_\_\_\_\_ for our leaders and above all to honor God.

## 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. We invite you to join us again!*

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### Worship Service for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 a.m., September 10, 2017

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#### Prelude

#### Pastoral Greeting

*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**Opening Hymn, Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun** ..... LBW #269

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

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

#### Prayer of the Day

**(All) God of all creation, You reach out to call people of all nations to Your kingdom. As You gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

#### FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 33:7-9

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from Me. When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

#### Psalm 32:1-7 (responsively)

L: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,

#### C: whose sins are covered!

L: Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him

#### C: and in whose spirit is no deceit.

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

**Bible Study Club** meets next Sunday after Sunday School with a potluck dinner followed by a movie.

**Sion's Fall Fellowship** is Sunday, Sept. 17 from 11 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Worship at 11 a.m.; meal, bake sale, and pumpkin & gourd sales at noon. Old fashioned sing along from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Meal at noon is pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, chips, bars, ice cream, & drink. (Adults \$7, Children 10 & under \$4)

**Salem WELCA** of Lake Mills, invites all ladies of West Prairie to their Salad Luncheon Guest Day on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Hedin Schmidt will give the program at 1 p.m. on his recent trip to Israel.

**Announcements** can be sent to westprairie.lc@gmail.com. October newsletter articles are due August 29th.

**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, 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.

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

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn, *To God Be the Glory*..... Grey Hymnal #363**

**Postlude**

**Pastor: Steve Bang**

**Pianist: Melissa Phillips**

**Lectionary: Caroll Carson**

**Ushers: John Haugen and Bryon Holst**

**Acolyte: Madison Branstad**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today...**

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Tuesday, Sept. 12...**

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

**Wednesday, Sept. 13...**

9 a.m. WOW Quilting, noon lunch at Mitchell's

3 p.m. Confirmation Class

7 p.m. Church Council

**Saturday, Sept. 16...**

8 a.m. See announcement below for Zion conference

**Next Sunday, September 17...**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11 a.m. Bible Study Group with Candy Johnson, hostess

7 p.m. Youth Group

**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 on Sunday night from 6:30 – 8 p.m. all held at

L: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

**C: through my groaning all day long.**

L: For Your hand was heavy upon me day and night

**C: my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to You,

**C: and did not conceal my guilt.**

L: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

**C: Then You forgave me the guilt of my sin**

L: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to You while You may be found;

**C: surely when the might waters rise, they will not reach him.**

L: You are my hiding place;

**C: You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:1-10**

**Submission to Governing Authorities**

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing

debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Here ends the lesson.

*Please stand.*

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

**The Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20**

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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

He called a little child to Him, and placed the child among them. And He said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in Me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven.

“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine

on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them.”

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

**Hymn,** *God Will Take Care of You* .....Grey Hymnal #56

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

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**Hymn,** *God of Our Fathers* .....LBW #567  
*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

**Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**.....page 97