

SERMON NOTES. . .

“Justified! By God’s Grace!” Romans 3:21-24

1. “But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the law and the prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through _____ in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are _____ freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 3:21-24)
2. Martin Luther wrote: “When the article of _____ has fallen, everything has fallen... this is the chief article from which all other doctrines have flowed.”
3. Justification means that a person is _____ to be right as far as the law is concerned.
4. Jesus paid the _____ for all my sins, past, present, and future by dying on the cross. Then he credited to me his righteousness.
5. God does not give me what I deserve but he stamps “_____” on my charge sheet, and I am set free to enter into heaven.
6. “Justification is the truly dramatic transition from the status of a condemned criminal awaiting a terrible sentence to that of an _____ awaiting a fabulous inheritance.” (J.I. Packer)
7. Luther understood justification as being entirely the work of _____.
8. Luther said that “Faith is a _____ from God, a living, bold, trust in God’s grace.”
9. Our faith is in the _____ of our faith. Our faith is in God.
10. Jesus said, “He who _____ to me will never go hungry and he who _____ in me will never be thirsty.” (Jn. 6:35)
11. Faith is the tangible proof that _____ is living within us.
12. FAITH = “F_____ A_____ I T_____ H_____!”

**Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!
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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. — October 29, 2017

Reformation Sunday

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 56

Opening Hymn, A Mighty Fortress is Our God LBW #229

Kyrie..... page 57

Hymn of Praise This is the Feast..... page 60

Prayer of the Day

(All) Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7

The Three Angels

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

Psalm 46 (responsively)

L: God is our refuge and strength,

C: a very present help in trouble.

L: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

C: and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

L: though its waters rage and foam,

C: and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C: the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;

C: God shall help her at the break of day.

L: The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;

C: God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

L: The Lord of host is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,

C: what awesome things He has done on earth.

L: It is He who makes war to cease in all the world;

C: He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

L: "Be still, then, and know that I am God;

C: I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

L: The Lord of host is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

So the judgment of God lies very heavily upon the Jews, for they are responsible to keep God's laws instead of doing all these evil things; not one of them has any excuse; in fact, all the world stands hushed and guilty before Almighty God.

Now do you see it? No one can ever be made right in God's sight by doing what the law commands. For the more we

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, *The Church's One Foundation* LBW #369

Pastor: Steve Bang

Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Lori Jacobs

Ushers: Steven and Colette Reimann

Acolyte: Gabby Branstad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, October 31...

7 p.m. Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, November 1...

3 p.m. Confirmation Class

7 p.m. Sarah Circle at the church w/Colette Reimann

7 p.m. Naomi Circle with Sharon Holland

Next Sunday, November 5...

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

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

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Fall Dinner

Pastor and Jonie will be on vacation from Nov. 7-12.

LCMC Iowa District Annual Meeting is Sat., November 11 from 9:30 – 3:30 at Stratford Lutheran, Stratford, Iowa. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and is \$10. The schedule is on the bulletin board.

Prayer List — 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.

know of God's laws, the clearer it becomes that we aren't obeying them; His laws serve only to make us see that we are sinners.

But now God has shown us a different way to heaven—not by “being good enough” and trying to keep His laws, but by a new way (though not new, really, for the Scriptures told about it long ago). Now God says He will accept and acquit us—declare us “not guilty”—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like. Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us “not guilty” of offending Him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in His kindness freely takes away our sins.

For God sent Christ Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to end all God's anger against us. He used Christ's blood and our faith as the means of saving us from His wrath. In this way He was being entirely fair, even though He did not punish those who sinned in former times. For He was looking forward to the time when Christ would come and take away those sins. And now in these days also He can receive sinners in this same way because Jesus took away their sins.

But isn't this unfair for God to let criminals go free, and say that they are innocent? No, for He does it on the basis of their trust in Jesus who took away their sins.

Then what can we boast about doing to earn our salvation? Nothing at all. Why? Because our acquittal is not based on our good deeds; it is based on what Christ has done and our faith in Him. So it is that we are saved by faith in Christ and not by the good things we do.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand.

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THE GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord* page 63

Dispute Over Whose Children Jesus' Opponents Are

To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, “If you hold

to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They answered Him, “We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can You say that we shall be set free?”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to You, O Christ*.....page 63
You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

“Justified By God's Grace” Romans 3:21-24

Hymn, *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* LBW #448

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Prayer

Congregational Response: Hear my prayer.

Sharing of the peace.

You may be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Offertory, *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* page 66

Prayer: page 67

The Great Thanksgiving..... page 68

The Words of Institution page 69

The Lord's Prayer..... page 71

You may be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Please follow direction of ushers.

Communion Hymns.....Grey Hymn Book #'s 274, 98, 658

Please Stand.

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