

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today...

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 7 p.m. Youth Group

### Tuesday, November 14...

- 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 15...

- 3 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 7 p.m. Church Council

### Sunday, Nov. 19...

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 11 a.m. Bible Study Club, lunch and movie
- 7 p.m. Youth Group

**Movies coming to Lake Mills Theater:** "Let There Be Light" showing November 10-16; "A Question of Faith" showing Nov. 17-23

**Melissa Phillips and Victoria Knudtson** will be performing at Odvin Hagen Recital Hall on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

**Joint Thanksgiving Eve service** will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at West Prairie.

**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.

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## 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 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m., November 12, 2017

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#### Prelude

#### Pastoral Greeting

*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**Opening Hymn, Praise to the Father** ..... LBW #517

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

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

#### Prayer of the Day

**(All) Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**FIRST LESSON:** Amos 5:18-24

#### The Day of the LORD

Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

“I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

*You may be seated.*

**Hymn, For All the Saints** ..... LBW #174, verses 1, 2, 5, 7

**The Sermon:** Bonnie Iverson

“The Coming of the Lord” I Thessalonians 4:9-18

**Hymn, The King is Coming** ..... Grey Hymn Book #313

**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

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

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**Closing Hymn, Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me** ..... LBW #333

#### Postlude

**Lay Pastor:** Bonnie Iverson

**Pianist:** Nancy Larson

**Lectionary:** Denise Holst

**Ushers:** Lori Jacobs and Misty Juveland

**Acolyte:** Jack Holland

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

**Psalm 70** (responsively)

L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

**C: O Lord, make haste to help me.**

L: Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;

**C: let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

L: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,

**C: because they are ashamed.**

L: Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;

**C: let those who love Your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"**

L: But as for me, I am poor and needy;

**C: come to me speedily, O God.**

L: You are my helper and my deliverer;

**C: O Lord, do not tarry.**

**SECOND LESSON:** I Thessalonians 4:9-18

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's Word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the

voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Here ends the lesson.

*Please stand.*

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

**The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

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

**The Parable of the Ten Virgins**

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

"'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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