

**SERMON NOTES. . .**

**“Face-to-Face with Christ” Rev. 1:1-11**

1. Revelation is a book of hope but also a book of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The message given to the 7 churches would be a message that would shake up the church leaders if the evaluation was negative and it would be their ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ call’!
3. John bore witness to the things he had seen and heard. This is not John’s private thinking or opinion. This is the revelation of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the \_\_\_\_\_ churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, & Laodicea.”
5. “Grace and peace to you from him who is (present), and who was (past), and who is to come” (\_\_\_\_\_).
6. When individuals and cultures become godless and infected with evil, they become targets of divine \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Without Jesus, you have \_\_\_\_\_ that is eternal, \_\_\_\_\_ that can change your life, \_\_\_\_\_ that can save you from your sins.
8. Christ has the power to overcome the severe onslaughts of wicked people and demonic forces. By the end of the book of Revelation, this total supremacy of Christ is a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Almost all believers in John’s day were socially, politically, or economically suffering some kind of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. John sees the glorified Christ, standing among the 7 golden \_\_\_\_\_, that is, in the midst of the 7 churches.
11. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ that shines brightly in every church.
12. In the midst of persecution, John must have wondered if the church would survive. \_\_\_\_\_ reassured John that they would stand.

**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!

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**11 a.m. — January 7, 2018**

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

**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.

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**Prelude**

**Pastoral Greeting**

*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**Opening Hymn, *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky* .....LBW #75, 1-4**

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

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

**Prayer of the Day**

**(All) Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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: Genesis 1:1-5**

**The Beginning**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness He called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

**Psalm 29** (responsively)

L: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

**C: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

L: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

**C: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

**C: the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

L: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;

**C: The voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

**C: the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

L: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

**C: and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,

**C: the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe

**C: and strips the forests bare.**

L: In the temple of the Lord

**C: all are crying "Glory!"**

L: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;

**C: the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.**

L: The Lord shall give strength to His people;

**C: the Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.**

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1-11**

**Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ**

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today...**

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Tuesday, January 9...**

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 10...**

3 p.m. Confirmation Class at West Prairie

7 p.m. Church Council

**Next Sunday, January 14...**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:15-10:45 a.m. Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship Service

**Sunday School Christmas Program** will be held next Sunday, January 14 during the worship service. A soup supper will follow the service.

**Annual Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 21 at 1 p.m. preceded by a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share.

**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](http://www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer); leave a message on the church answering system @641-567-3733; or call Pastor Steve @641-590-7894.

baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Here ends the reading.

*Please stand.*

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

### **THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11**

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

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, He saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well

pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*You may be seated.*

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

"Face to Face with Christ" Revelation 1:1-11

**Hymn,** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* ..... LBW #486

**Nicene 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

*You may be seated.*

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Please follow direction of ushers.*

**Communion Hymns** ..... Grey Hymn Book #'s 30, 51, 206

*Please Stand.*

**Post-Communion Canticle** *Thank the Lord* ..... page 72 & 73

**Prayer** ..... page 74

**Benediction**..... page 74

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn,** *How Good, Lor4d, to Be Here!* ..... LBW #89

**Pastor:** Steve Bang

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Lectionary:** Lisa Durby

**Ushers:** Wendell and Helen Finer

**Acolyte:** Faith Finer