

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson



INTRODUCTION

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (ELW 533)

GREETING

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 15:34--16:13

A reading from 1 Samuel.

Saul, anointed by the prophet Samuel as the first king of Israel, displeases the Lord. The Lord therefore sends Samuel to Bethlehem where he anoints David, the youngest of the sons of Jesse, to succeed Saul as king.

³⁴Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

^{16:1}The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in

the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for

all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Faith of Our Fathers (ELW 812)*

CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (ELW 742)

Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW 515)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME TO THOSE VISITING



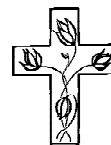
If you are visiting today, we're glad you chose to worship with us. Please sign our guestbook in the narthex. Times for early/late services rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

JUNE SCHEDULE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

EAST: has early service at 8:30 am

WEST: has late service at 10:00 am

EXCEPT for a Joint Service at East June 24 at 10:00 am, followed by Zion marker dedication & then a light



lunch will be provided by both churches.

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Altar Guild: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

June: Amy Jorgenson & Dawn Evjen

July: Yvette Dulohery & Sharon Peterson

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Photos Available to Pick Up at Church

Parents: Confirmation photos are available to pick up at both churches. **At East** they are on the oval table upstairs in the entry.

BOTH: JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE at East ~ Next Sunday



Everyone is invited to the June 24 *Joint Worship Service* at East. The service will be at 10:00 am. After the church service, there will be a marker-dedication at Zion cemetery, then a light lunch will be provided by East & West.

Meeting for East Board of Education ~ July 1

The East Board of Education will be meeting Sunday, July 1, after our 10:00 am church service - anyone that would like to teach must attend this meeting. Thanks so much! ~ Amanda Pyfferoen ~

East: Photos for the Directory

We are still able to arrange pictures at other LifeTouch congregations in the area, so let me know if I can help you, or you can submit your pictures before the end of June. *Remember, the LifeTouch photo for the directory is free, and you also receive a free 8x10 and a copy of the directory. Cost for submitting a picture to be included in the directory is \$10 (make checks out to LifeTouch) and you also receive a free directory.*

You can leave the photos at the church addressed to Yvette, with Gina at the church office, or send the photos by email to ydulohery@gmail.com or sending them via a text message at 507-317-3763. Please include the names of everyone in the photo for the directory! **We have started working on the pictures for the activity pages, and if you have ideas, recommendations, or photos to submit for consideration, please contact Yvette at**

ydulohery@gmail.com or call 507-317-3763. Thanks for helping make our directory the very best it can be!

East/West VBS has chosen the Dodge County Relay for Life as their mission again this year. The children's offering will go to this mission and we appreciate additional donations from East and West members. Last year \$1,176 was generously donated to the Relay from our churches. *On the last night of VBS, there will be luminaries available to purchase for \$10 in memory or honor of a loved one affected by cancer. You can bring a picture of your loved one to put on the bag and decorate as you wish.* We pray a cure can be found for this terrible disease and your donation will help support research to find a cure. If you have questions or wish to donate, contact Nancy Peterson @ 365-8875 or nancyp@kmtel.com.

Offerings & Attendance

(05/13) Attendance: 68.

(05/20) Attendance: 72. Current \$746 and Piano \$30.

Next Week's Readings: June 24, 2018: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49, Psalm 9:9-20, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, and Mark 4:35-41

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

06/17	8:30 am	East worship and communion East coffee hour (<i>served by College Fund</i>) East supplies cookies for Season's Hospice West coffee hour
	10:00 am	West worship
		<u>VBS - FIRST NIGHT!!! (NO supper tonight)</u>
	5:30 pm	Register for VBS
	6-8:00 pm	VBS classes
Mon.	9:00-noon	Pastor Paul at office
	5:30 pm	Supper before VBS
	6-8:00 pm	VBS classes
Tue.	-----	<u>NO Pastor Paul - at conference in Eden Prairie</u>
	10:00 am	East Circle 4 meeting/quilting/sack lunch
	5:30 pm	Supper before VBS
	6-8:00 pm	VBS classes

Wed. ----- NO Pastor Paul – at conference in Eden Prairie
 5:30 pm Supper before VBS
 6-8:00 pm VBS classes
Thur. ----- Pastor Paul's day off-work
LAST Night of VBS
 5:30 pm Supper before VBS
 6:00 pm VBS classes
 7:30 pm All parents/grandparents and friends invited to VBS closing program, then help appreciated for tear-down
Fri. 9:00-noon Pastor Paul at office
June 24 (Sun.): **BOTH: JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE**
NO coffee hour before this service
 10:00 am Joint service for all, at EAST, followed by dedication of cemetery marker at Zion, then a light lunch will be served for all at East (the light lunch provided by East and West)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE (NO NEWSLETTER DAY in June)
June 26 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
JULY
July hours will be: West at 8:30 am / East at 10:00 am... EXCEPT for a JOINT SERVICE at West on July 15 at 8:30 am, followed by fellowship and goodies after church.
>>NO council meeting at either church in July.
>>July 22-July 29: Pastor Paul/TLC class gone on KY mission trip.
July 1 (Sun.):

- Both churches have communion
- East Board of Education meeting right after church – all who are interested in teaching, need to attend (Thanks!)

July 3 (Tue.): NO quilting for East
July 4 (Wed.): OFFICE CLOSED ~ Happy Independence Day!
July 10 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
July 15 (Sun.):

- JOINT WORSHIP at West at 8:30 am with a time of fellowship and goodies after church

- East supplies cookies to Season's Hospice

July 17 (Tue.): 10:00 am East Circle 4 meeting/ quilting/ sack lunch

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Bev Brandt, Vicki Lawrence (*Pastor Darby's wife*), Maryann Schultz, Viola Olson, Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Kelly Anderson (*friend of Peterson's daughter*), Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Sharon Boelter, Dale Boelter, Cecelia Miller (*cousin of Yvette Duloherly*), Vern Exe (*father of Pete*), Kevin Kubly (*friend of Yvette Duloherly*), Bill Fritts, David Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*Pat Nelson's brother*).

West Prayers: Vicki Lawrence (*Pastor Darby's wife*), Loretta Himle, Christine Krause (*sister of Susie Thoe*), Jocelyn Sanvick, Boyd Pew, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Joanne Larsen (*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Gene Hyland, Robert Beaver, Danny Linbo, Veronica Riniker (*mother of Donna Larsen*), Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson and Julie Boyum*).

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 Gary Kearns - Home: 206-3158, Cell: 254-5285
 Bryan DeCook - Cell: 208-1590

VISITS FOR OUR MEMBERS

If you know of anyone who may like a call or visit from the pastor or another member, please contact an East deacon:

Rhonda Leighty: 365-8047, Sonya Mansfield: 365-8663 or

Glenda Mueller: 696-5753.