

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson



## INTRODUCTION

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Come, Thou Almighty King* (ELW 408)

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**KYRIE** (ELW p. 203)

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (ELW p. 204)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.  
**O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 31:10-31**

The First Lesson is from the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter of Proverbs.

<sup>10</sup>A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

<sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.  
<sup>12</sup>She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.  
<sup>13</sup>She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.  
<sup>14</sup>She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.  
<sup>15</sup>She rises while it is still night  
and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.  
<sup>16</sup>She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
<sup>17</sup>She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
<sup>18</sup>She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.  
<sup>19</sup>She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
<sup>20</sup>She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
<sup>21</sup>She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
<sup>22</sup>She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
<sup>23</sup>Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
<sup>24</sup>She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
<sup>25</sup>Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
<sup>26</sup>She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
<sup>27</sup>She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
<sup>28</sup>Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:  
<sup>29</sup>"Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all."

<sup>30</sup>Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
<sup>31</sup>Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are  
like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

#### **SECOND READING: James 3:13–4:3, 7-8a**

A reading from James.

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

<sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

<sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come

from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)**

#### **GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF DAY *Children of the Heavenly Father* (ELW 781)**

#### **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition of the prayer will end: Lord in your mercy,  
Please respond with: **Hear our prayer.** [At ending: **Amen.**]

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERATORY SONG *Create in Me* (ELW 186)**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day  
you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life  
in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you  
and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and  
forever. **Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG**

***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712)**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

### WELCOME TO THOSE VISITING



If you're visiting, we're glad you chose to worship with us. Please sign our guestbook in the narthex. Times for services rotate monthly between East & West churches.

### SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**WEST:** has early service at 9:00 am  
**BOTH:** 10:00 am West JAM / East SS & TLC  
**EAST:** has late service at 11:00 am

### THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**Altar Guild: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild**  
**September:** Amanda Pyfferoen & Deanna Bakken  
**October:** Amanda Pyfferoen & Gena Cahill

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR PASTORAL NEEDS



**Pastor Paul will be on vacation through October 5:**  
**FOR EMERGENCY PASTORAL NEEDS please call:**  
**For WEST:** Pastor Paul Hauschild 507-477-2248  
**For EAST:** Pastor Steve Rheingans 612-250-9724 ...OR...  
Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt 507-210-7322

**Tonight: "Focused Conversations" About Electing New Bishop**  
As the SEMN Synod prepares to elect a new bishop next year, all members of synod congregations are invited to participate in events called "*Focused Conversations*", to help us decide what sort of person we want to lead our synod going forward. The closest to us will be at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester, TONIGHT, September 23 at 7:00 pm.

### Fall Bazaar & Luncheon at West St. Olaf ~ This Saturday 9/29



All welcomed! For purchase: Baked Goods, Quilts, Crafts & Boxed Cards. MENU: Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Fresh Fruit, & Pumpkin Dessert. Chapel opens at 9:30 am, Serving luncheon from 10:00 am-

noon. Cost: Adult \$7.00, School Age Children \$2.50, 5 & under Free (*proceeds go to victims of the California fires*). **Hope to see you Saturday!** For West women: Chapel will be open Friday evening 6-7:00 pm and 8:00 am Saturday to receive items for the bazaar.

### East St. Olaf is Seeking Donations for Two Local Missions

Dodge County Food Shelf and the Rochester Women's Shelter are two missions that East St. Olaf will be collecting items for. Please prayerfully consider donating to these good causes. A full list of needed items for the Rochester Women's shelter is posted on our bulletin board (*and will be printed in our October newsletter*).

### Attendance and Contributions

(09/02) Attendance: 42. Current \$1,318 and SG Window \$150.  
(09/09) Attendance: 62. Current \$1,375.  
(09/16) Attendance: 30. Current \$470, SG Window \$210 and  
In Memory of Beverly Brandt \$100 undesignated.

**Next Week's Readings:** Sept. 30: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, and Mark 9:38-50

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

**>>> Pastor Paul is on vacation through Oct. 5, so please call Emergency Pastors listed in first announcement above.**

<b>9/23</b>	9:00 am	West worship & comm.-Rev. Ann Siverling
	10:00 am	BOTH: JAM/East Sunday school & TLC East coffee hour ( <i>by Circle 4</i> )
	11:00 am	East worship-Rev. Ann Siverling
	7:00 pm	Synod Event: Focused Conversation at Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester
<b>Tues:</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East/quilting/sack lunch
<b>Wed.</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	BOTH - Confirmation class at West ( <i>Amy Jorgenson leading class-Pastor Paul on vac.</i> )
<b>Thur.</b>		<u>NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY</u> at office (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 10:00 collate)
<b>Fri.</b>	6-7:00 pm	West chapel open to drop off Bazaar items

**Sat.**                    WEST FALL BAZAAR & LUNCHEON  
*All welcome! Bazaar begins 9:30 am, lunch will  
be served 10:00 am-Noon*

**9/30**    9:00 am      West worship-Rev. Ann Siverling  
            10:00 am      BOTH: JAM/East Sunday school & TLC  
                            East coffee hour (*open regarding coverage*)  
            11:00 am      East worship-Rev. Ann Siverling

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

**OCTOBER: Worship times: East-9:00 am / West-11:00 am**  
>>> Pastor Paul on vacation through October 5<sup>th</sup>... *call pastors  
listed in first announcement at top, for emergency pastoral needs.*

**Oct. 2 (Tue.):**

- 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- 6:00 pm East church council meeting

**Oct. 3 (Wed.):** 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at East (*Amy  
Jorgenson is leading class-Pastor Paul on vacation*)

**Oct 7 (Sun.):**

- BOTH have communion
- East WELCA meeting after church service

**Oct. 8 (Mon.):** 7:00 pm West church council meeting

**Oct. 10 (Wed.):**

- 9:00 am East meatball making day/noon potluck
- 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at East

**Oct. 11 (Thur.):**

- 9:00 am East meatball making day/noon potluck

**Oct. 12 (Fri.):** 9:00 am East meatball making day/noon potluck

**Oct. 16 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East Circle 4 meeting/quilt/sack lunch

**Oct. 17 (Wed.):**

- 10:00 am Pastor Paul leads worship at Summit/Byron
- NO class for confirmation (*due to MEA break at schools*)

**Oct. 19 (Fri.):** 9:00 am East cranberry salad making day/light  
lunch at noon

**Oct. 20 (Sat.):** Noon - Deadline to submit newsletter info/reports

**Oct. 21 (Sun.):**

- East has communion
- East supplies cookies to Season's Hospice

**Oct. 23 (Tue.):**

- 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
- 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

**Oct. 24 (Wed.):**

- 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
- 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at East

**Oct. 28 (Sun.):**

- After East service - setup kitchen for Lutefisk/Meatball  
Supper
- West has communion

**Oct. 30 (Tue.):**

- NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY at office (*9:10-print,  
9:30-fold, 10:00 collate*)
- 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

**Oct. 31 (Wed.):**

- 9:00 am East peel rutabagas & fish comes at noon - potluck  
dinner at noon also
- 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at East

## LIST OF LOCAL & SYNOD EVENTS

**\*\*See bulletin boards for any posters about these events\*\***

**Today, Sept. 23** 11:00am-1:00 pm 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Dinner at St.  
John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Church Dodge Center.

**Sept. 26 (Wed.):** 4-7:00 pm Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper  
at Hegre Lutheran of Kenyon.

**Oct. 4 (Thur.):** 4 - 8 pm Country Store at Immanuel Lutheran  
of Racine, MN.

**Oct. 6 (Sat.):** 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Think Pink-Stop & Shop at Holy  
Family Catholic Church, Kasson.

## TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**East Prayers:** Emily Nagel (*girlfriend of Shultz's grandson*), Braxton  
Raymond (*nephew of Shannon Meier*), Brenda Exe, Maryann  
Schultz, Les Severson (*son of Carol Severson*), Vicki Lawrence, 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*), Vern Exe  
(*father of Pete*), Kevin Kubly (*friend of Yvette*), Bill Fritts, David

Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*Pat Nelson's brother*).

**West Prayers:** Christine Krause (*sister of Susie Thoe*), Loretta Himle, Boyd Pew, Vicki Lawrence, 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*).

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

**Pastor Paul Thompson: on vacation through Oct. 5: Please call pastors listed in 1<sup>st</sup> announcement if emergency pastoral needs.**

**SECRETARY Gina Moser:** (*Please call before driving to the office.*)

**Office Phone:** 507-365-8222 **Cell Phone:** 507-951-4964

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Please send all emails for Gina to both of her email addresses.

**Office Hours:** Tues. & Thursdays 10:00 am-Noon

**OUR WEBSITES:** eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

**OUR JANITORIAL SERVICE:** Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

### COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

President: Mike Senjem - Home: 365-8166, Cell: 272-6012.

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.