

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

September 18, 2022: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

INTRODUCTION: *As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing – we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Before God, our rock and our refuge, let us keep silence, and then confess our sins.

Most merciful God,

You know our failings better than we do; our sins are revealed in the light of your face. Our days and years pass by; the things we trust fade like grass. Be gracious to us, O God. Guide us again to the water of life, and renew in us the grace of holy baptism; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

You are all children of the light and of the day; you are God's children now. In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. With all the faithful in heaven and on earth, rejoice and be glad!

GATHERING SONG *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 685)

GREETING (ELW p. 184)

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. 184)

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

*For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,*

*let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

*That we may live out your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;*

*that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

*For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,*

*let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

*For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives
in the water and the Word;*

*that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,*

*we worship you,
we give you thanks,*

we praise you for your glory.

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

Lord Jesus Christ,

only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

*have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father
receive our prayer.*

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

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and peace to God's people on earth.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 188)

Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SEMICONTINUOUS FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18--9:1

Jeremiah's primary task as God's prophet was to announce the terrible destruction that awaited the people of Judah and Jerusalem because of their sin. In this passage, a grief-stricken Jeremiah anguishes over the sadness of that message and weeps for his people.

A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 8:

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

²⁰"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

^{9:1}O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and
night for the slain of my poor people!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEMICONTINUOUS PSALM: Psalm 79:1-9

¹O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple;
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

²**They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the
birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the
beasts of the field.**

³They have shed their blood like water on every side of
Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

⁴**We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

⁵How long will you be angry, O LORD?
Will your fury blaze like fire forever?

⁶**Pour out your wrath upon the nations who have not known
you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your
name.**

⁷For they have devoured Jacob
and made his dwelling a ruin.

⁸**Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to
meet us; for we have been brought very low.**

⁹Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name;
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

A reading from 1st Timothy, chapter 2:

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who
are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable

life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’

³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for

yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (ELW 655)

CREED (ELW p. 189)

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread,
so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all
of God's good creation.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit,
gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 190)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER AT TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father ... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, ... great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, ... saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers ... now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 191)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (ELW 608)

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

*Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
tell ev'ryone what he has done.*

*Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people
forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, through the gift of this meal you heal our brokenness and strengthen our spirits. Increase our faith in you, that the power of this holy sacrament might bring us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING (ELW p. 192)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (ELW 742)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:



If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

Offering: You may place your offering in the offering in the plate as you leave (*offering plates are not passed, due to Covid*).

SEPTEMBER Worship Hours



WEST 9:00 am worship / coffee afterward at 10:00 am

BOTH 10:00 am West JAM & East Sunday school

EAST 11:00 am worship / coffee always after church

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Sept. – Rita Distad

Deacon: Sept. – Kate Herness

East Acolytes: Ushers are covering

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

90th Birthday Celebration for Orillie – You're Invited!!



NEXT Sunday, Sept. 25 from 12:00–2:00pm at East St. Olaf Lutheran Church. A light lunch and cake will be served. Please drop in! All are welcome – come help us celebrate!

Note to East Members: If there are any members who are ill or in need of a card from the congregation, please contact Jane Williams at (507)271-2272.

Contributions

(09/04 & 0911) Current \$2,355, Sunday School \$45, Lutheran Disaster Relief for Kentucky Flood \$260.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

Deadline for bulletin information – Wednesdays by 7:30 pm.

Submit any newsletter info by about the 20th of each month.

TODAY	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	BOTH West JAM/East SS Also West coffee
	11:00 am	East worship/ <u>communion</u> , with East coffee after church
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	10:00 am	East quilting/ sack lunch
	Noon	<u>Deadline to submit newsletter info</u>
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Confirmation class West Chapel
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. 09/25	9:00 am	West worship / <u>communion</u>
	10:00 am	BOTH West JAM/East SS

Also West coffee
 11:00 am East worship/ Baptism of Nathan Yngsdal
 East coffee after church
Noon-2:00 pm AT EAST: Orillie's 90th Birthday
Open House - Everyone welcome!

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Sept. 26 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Sept. 27 (Tue.) 9:00 am West quilting/ sack lunch
 10:00 am East quilting/ sack lunch
Sept. 28 (Wed.) 9:00 am West quilting/ sack lunch
 7:00 pm Confirmation class West Chapel
Sept. 29 (Thu.) >>>> NEWSLETTER DAY at office
(9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)
 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Sept. 30 (Fri.) ----- Pastor's day off-work
OCTOBER
Oct. 2 (Sun.) 9:00 am East Worship/ Communion... with
 coffee always after church service
 10:00 am BOTH West JAM / East Sun. school
 10:00 am West coffee
 11:00 am West Worship/ Communion

Pastor Paul on vacation Mon., Oct. 3-Sun., Oct. 9: So if you have a PASTORAL EMERGENCY, please call your council members (numbers listed under Church Contacts on back of bulletin).

BOTH LOCAL EVENTS

TODAY 09/18: 29th Annual Turkey Dinner at St. John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Church, Dodge Center, MN - Handicapped accessible and take-out's available. *More info on bulletin board.*

Sept. 21 (Wed.): Hegre's Annual Swedish Meatball Supper, Kenyon - ONLY take-out and curbside pickup. *More info on bulletin board.*

Sept. 24 (Sat.): Fall Salad Luncheon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hayfield, MN. *More info on bulletin board.*

Oct. 6 (Thur.): Immanuel Lutheran Church's Annual Country

Store (dine-in or carry-out) 4-7pm. *More info on bulletin board.*

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Dalton Mansfield (*currently serving aboard ship*), Neil Soehren, Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Keith Roeder (*Paul Jordan was his father-in-law*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Bill Fritts, Sylvia Torstenson, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), David Distad, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

West Prayers: Ralph Kylo, Loretta Himle, Gloria Brown, Ginny Hyland, Neil Soehren, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Martha Beaver, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Boyd Pew, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*).

Those serving in our military: Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland – deployed overseas*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*), and Tully Hovda (*son of Todd & Cathy Hovda*).

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EAST: VISITS FOR OUR MEMBERS

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

Jane Williams: 507-271-2272 or Pat Cahill: 507-365-8766.