

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

July 3, 2022: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

INTRODUCTION: *God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat... take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Strong and faithful God,

We confess to you that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have fled your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, let us serve the Lord in newness of life.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* (LBW 566)

[1] *My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died,*

*land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside
let freedom ring!*

*[2] My native country, thee,
land of the noble free,
thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills
like that above.*

*[3] Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song:
let mortal tongues awake,
let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.*

*[4] Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
to thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With Freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our king.*

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. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,*

*and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:*

*Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SEMICONTINUOUS FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride.

A reading from 2nd Kings, chapter 5:

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his

servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEMICONTINUOUS PSALM: Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul

offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

A reading from Galatians, chapter 6:

[¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads.

⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised – only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule – peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "

¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *God of Our Fathers* (LBW 567)

- [1] *God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*
- [2] *Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.*
- [3] *From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*
- [4] *Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.*

CREED

**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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church,
the creation, and all in need.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your
Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our
hearts into your holy keeping.

Amen.

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 144)

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. 144)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

*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.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies: America the Beautiful (ELW 888)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

Amen

SENDING SONG

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: Battle Hymn of the
Republic (ELW 890)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 into the offering plate as you leave (*offering plates are not passed, due to Covid*).



July Hours AND July 10 Joint Service:

West 8:30 am worship / coffee after church

East 10:00 am worship coffee always after church

JOINT SERVICE 10 am July 10 at WEST, with dedication of historic marker for West church (refreshments served)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

EAST Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: July - Deanna Bakken

Deacon: July - Kate Herness

East Acolytes: Ushers are covering

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Joint Service at WEST & Marker Dedication

This historical marker relates to the building of West St. Olaf Church by pioneer Norwegian settlers and pastors. It will be installed by West church. **The West St. Olaf marker will be dedicated at a joint outdoor service at WEST St. Olaf NEXT Sunday, July 10, at 10 am. [PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIRS FOR THIS SERVICE.]** *Refreshments will be served by the St. Olaf Heritage Association that day. ALL ARE WELCOME!*

JULY Bible Study "Intro to Revelation... What Does it Tell Us?"

Pastor Paul is hosting a Bible study, "Intro to Revelation", Wednesdays, 6:30pm at EAST church during the month of July: *July 6, 13, and 27 – with NO study on July 20 due to pastor's vacation.* A potluck supper will be served. **COST for the study books is**

\$11.50 per person. *Please contact the office to sign up or just drop in!
All are welcome!!*

ATTENTION PARENTS: VBS will be in AUGUST this Year:
“Camp Out for Christ!” Vacation Bible School will take place Saturday, August 20 through Sunday, August 21 for BOTH. We will meet at East St. Olaf Church at 10:00am and have activities and learning centers set up for the day. We’ll have a movie and popcorn, a campfire with smores, and then camp out in the grass parking lot behind the church for the night. Lunch, snacks, supper, and breakfast the next morning will be served. *If rain, we will camp out in the East church basement.* Please contact Kelly Pyfferoen (East) 507-951-2967 or Jana Hiam (West) 507-951-3630 to reserve a spot. All are welcome!!

SAVE THE DATE! August 21: “Taste of Norway” Event
It will be held from **2-4 pm., Sunday, August 21, 2022.** Homemade Norwegian pastries will be served. A new play “St. Olaf Himself”, will be the program. Rain or shine. (Tverberg Cabin or East location). *Everyone welcome!*

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.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

July 3 (Sun.) 8:30 am West worship/Comm. And West coffee hour after church
10:00 am East worship/Comm., and East coffee always after church

>>>> Church secretary on vacation from July 4 - July 8

Monday OFFICE CLOSED for Independence Day holiday

Tuesday 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
NO meeting for East council

Wednesday 6:30 pm BOTH- at EAST church, Bible study with potluck supper

Thursday 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Friday ----- Pastor's day off-work
 Sun. 7/10 10:00 am **JOINT outdoor service at WEST St. Olaf**
BRING LAWN CHAIRS, PLEASE.
Refreshments will be served by
the St. Olaf Heritage Association

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

<p>July 11 (Mon.) 9am-Noon ----- July 12 (Tue.) 10:00 am July 13 (Wed.) 12:00 noon 6:30 pm July 14 (Thur.) 9am-Noon July 15 (Fri.) ----- July 17 (Sun.) 8:30 am 10:00 am July 18 (Mon.) 9am-Noon July 19 (Tue.) 10:00 am July 20 (Wed.) ----- ----- 4:00 pm July 21 (Thur.) ----- July 22 (Fri.) ----- July 24 (Sun.) 8:30 am 10:00 am July 25 (Mon.) -----</p>	<p>Pastor at office <u>NO meeting</u> for West council East quilting/sack lunch <u>WEST Men & Women invited</u> to the Chapel for a provided lunch, with laughter & fun to follow! BOTH- at EAST church, Bible study with potluck supper Pastor at office Pastor's day off-work West worship, And West coffee hour <u>after</u> church East worship/ <u>Comm.</u>, and East coffee always after church Pastor at office East quilting/sack lunch <u>>>>> Pastor Paul on vacation from July 20 thru July 26: IF YOU</u> <u>HAVE EMERGENCY Pastoral needs, call your church council</u> <u>members (listed under church contact info)</u> Pastor vacation <u>NO meeting</u> for Bible study <u><i>Deadline to submit info/reports for</i></u> <u><i>the August newsletter</i></u> Pastor vacation Pastor vacation Pulpit Supply (pastor vacation) West worship/Comm, And West coffee hour <u>after</u> church East worship, and East coffee always after church OFFICE CLOSED, pastor vacation</p>
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July 26 (Tue.) 10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
July 27 (Wed.) 6:30 pm	BOTH- at EAST church, Bible study with potluck supper
July 28 (Thur.)-----	<u>VOLUNTEER Newsletter Day</u> (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)
July 29 (Fri.) -----	Pastor's day off-work
July 31 (Sun.) 8:30 am	West worship, and West coffee hour <u>after</u> church
10:00 am	East worship, and East coffee always after church

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, 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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Bryan DeCook - Cell: 208-1590 [*President: No candidate this year.*]

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.