

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

May 22, 2022: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

EASTER THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,

we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,

and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,

who was, who is, and who is to come.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,

and our sin is drowned forever.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb,

be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)

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. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your

word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

A reading from Acts, chapter 16:

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**⁶The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

A reading from Revelation, chapter 21:

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night;

they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Down, O Love Divine (ELW 804)

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

... God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BLESSING

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 *Come Down, O Love Divine (ELW 804)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is Risen!
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 into the offering plate as you leave (*offering plates are not passed, due to Covid*).

MAY Worship Schedule:



WEST 9:00 am Worship (*coffee at 10am*)

BOTH 10:00 am West Jam (*West coffee*), East SS

EAST: 11:00 am Worship (*East coffee always after church*)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

EAST Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: May – Rita Distad

Deacon: May - Last 3 weeks May – Kate Herness

East Acolytes: Ushers are covering

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Historical Markers to be Dedicated at Joint Summer Services

The St. Olaf Historical Association has prepared two historical markers. *One is to be installed by the Toverberg Log House in parish park. Its text deals with the use of the log house as a family home, church and school beginning in pre-Civil-War times. The second historical*

marker relates to the building of West St. Olaf Church by pioneer Norwegian settlers and pastors. It will be installed by the church. **The markers will be dedicated in conjunction with joint East-West church services, as follows:**

- At EAST St. Olaf - log house marker: Sunday, **June 12**, 10 a.m.
- At WEST St. Olaf - marker: Sunday **July 10**, 10 a.m.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	9:00 am	West worship/ <u>communion</u>
	11:00 am	East worship
Monday	9am-noon	Pastor in office
Tuesday	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Thursday	9am-noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday	10am-2pm	<u>WEST CHAPEL RESERVED for Bamlet graduation celebration</u>
Sunday 05/29	9:00 am	West worship
	11:00 am	East worship

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

> Deadline to submit bulletin info - usually 7:30 pm Wednesdays

> Deadline to submit newsletter info - approx.. 20th each month

May 30 (Mon.)	9am-noon	<u>OFFICE CLOSED - Memorial Day</u>
	T.B.D	Memorial Day coffee at WEST
	8:15 am	Memorial Day service at WEST, by the Hayfield Legion
	8:10 am	Memorial Day service at EAST, by the Kasson Legion
May 31 (Tue.)	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch

JUNE: SUMMERTIME HOURS BEGIN!

June 2 (Thur.)	9:00am-Noon	Pastor at office
June 3 (Fri.)	_____	Pastor's day off-work
June 5 (Sun.)	8:30 am	East worship / <u>communion</u>
	9:30 am	West coffee hour
	10:00 am	West worship / <u>communion</u>
June 6 (Mon.)	9:00am-Noon	Pastor at office
June 9 (Thur.)	9:00am-Noon	Pastor at office

June 10 (Fri.) _____	Pastor's day off-work
June 12 (Sun.)	<u>JOINT worship at EAST church</u> with Dedication of historic marker for the Tverberg log cabin.
June 13 (Mon.)	<u>JOINT council meeting at WEST</u> 6:00 pm separate council meetings 7:00 pm joint meeting begins

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: The family of Maryann Schultz, Dalton Mansfield (*currently serving aboard ship*), Peggy Andreason, 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, Julie Andreason, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), David Distad, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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President: No candidate this year.

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.