

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

Sunday, September 8, 2019: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Paul Thompson      Organist: Pat Nelson

## INTRODUCTION

*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life" – to choose life in God as our own.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG** *Gather Us In* (WOV 718)

**GREETING** (WOV p. 46)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

**And also with you.**

In the beginning was the Word,

**and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

In the Word was life,

**and the life was the light of all people.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG** (WOV p. 47)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (WOV p. 16)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 18:1-11

A reading from Jeremiah.

*God teaches Jeremiah a lesson at a potter's shop. Just as a potter is able to destroy an unacceptable vessel, starting over to refashion it into one of value, so God molds and fashions the nations, including Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>"Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

**<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**<sup>14</sup>I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and  
woven in the depths of the earth.

**<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

**<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be  
more in number than the sand; to count them all,  
my life span would need to be like yours.**

## **SECOND LESSON: Philemon 1-21**

A reading from Philemon.

*While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our  
sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your  
house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God  
<sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith  
toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may  
become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do  
for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement  
from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been  
refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to

command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you  
on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now  
also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my  
child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my  
imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is  
indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is,  
my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so  
that he might be of service to me in your place during my  
imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing  
without your consent, in order that your good deed might be  
voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason  
he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have  
him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a  
beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you,  
both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you  
would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes  
you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this  
with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing  
me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit  
from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of  
your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do  
even more than I say.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 48)**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned  
and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate  
father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes,  
and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not  
carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which  
of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and  
estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?  
<sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to  
finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, “This

fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, O Christ.*

## SERMON

**HYMN** *Jesus Loves Me!* (ELW 595)

**CREED AND CONFESSION** (WOV p. 49)

**PEACE** (WOV p. 50)

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Peace be with you.**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** (WOV p. 50)

## THE PRAYERS

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

**LORD'S PRAYER** (WOV p. 25)

**BLESSING** (WOV p. 53)

**SENDING SONG** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (WOV 731)

**DISMISSAL** (WOV p. 53)

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## WELCOME TO THOSE VISITING

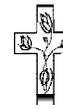
If you're visiting, we're glad you chose to worship with us. Please sign our guestbook in the narthex. Times for services rotate monthly between East & West churches.

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**EAST:** has 9:00 am early service

**BOTH:** 10:00 am – West JAM & East Sunday school

**WEST:** has 11:00 am late service



## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**Note:** Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

**Altar Guild: Sept.:** Lori Peterson & Amanda Pyfferoen

**East Reader:** Sept 8 – Gena Cahill

**East Deacon:** September - Pat Cahill

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RALLY DAY TODAY!

- Pastor Paul will be blessing the kid's school backpacks today
- Sunday school will enjoy Rally Day root beer floats and games

### Starting Tomorrow: 'Monday Study' with Pastor Paul

Everyone is invited to meet at the parsonage at 10:00 am every Monday morning, for a study with Pastor Paul. *Topics will be:*  
1.) *Thoughts about yesterday's sermon, and 2.) A look at the next Sunday's lessons.*

### Correction to September Calendar Page!

Please jot the correct times on your September newsletter calendar for the West St. Olaf Fall Bazaar & Brunch: 9:30 am – doors open, and brunch served from 10:00 am –noon.

### SAVE THE DATE: Fall Bazaar & Brunch at West St. Olaf!

Everyone is invited to the West Fall Bazaar & Brunch **Saturday, Sept. 28.** Chapel doors will open at 9:30 am with brunch being served from 10:00 am-noon. MENU: Ham & Egg Bake, Fresh Fruit Cup, Muffins, Coffee & Juice. *Adults: \$7, Age6-12 \$2.50, and age 5 and under are free.* We'd love to have you can join us!

## Snow Removal Bids Being Accepted for East Church and for St. Olaf Parsonage

See the September church newsletter for detailed information regarding East St. Olaf Church AND St. Olaf Parsonage snow removal – sealed bids are being sought for the two properties (all bids must be mailed to the church office 6200 County Road 3 SW, Byron, MN 55920 to the “ATTN: Parsonage Snow Removal Bid” OR “ATTN: Church Snow Removal Bid” , and must be postmarked by Oct. 10)

### Attendance and Contributions

(08/18) Attendance: 44. Current \$ 927.

(08/25) Attendance: 54. Current \$2,936, and In-Memory of Beverly Brandt \$5,000 Undesignated.

(09/01) Attendance: 20. Current \$901.

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

<b>09/08</b>	<b><u>RALLY DAY at BOTH CHURCHES with Blessing of the Backpacks!!</u></b>
9:00 am	East worship ( <i>coffee by Quilter Group</i> )
10:00 am	East SS: Root beer floats & games for kids!
10:00 am	West JAM: Begins with a parent-meeting, then snacks and games for kids!
11:00 am	West worship... <b><u>followed by a RALLY DAY DINNER for everyone!</u></b>
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00-noon Pastor Paul at office
	10:00 am <u>Study group with Pastor Paul at parsonage- Everyone is welcome!</u>
<b>Tue.</b>	9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
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<b>Wed.</b>	9:00 am West quilting /sack lunch
	1:00 pm West WELCA meeting hosted by Ashley Hazelman /Bible study “Hannah”
	6:00 pm <b><u>EAST only, at EAST - PHOTO SESSION and practice for those East students being confirmed this fall</u></b>
	7:00 pm <u>BOTH - Confirmation class at West church</u>
<b>Thur.</b>	9:00 am-Noon Pastor Paul at office
<b>Fri.</b>	----- Pastor Paul’s day off-work
<b>Sat.</b>	2-3:00 pm Installation of Bishop Elect Rev. Regina

Hassanally at St. John’s Lutheran Church of Owatonna

<b>09/15</b>	9:00 am	East worship, <u>Confirmation Day</u> and Communion ( <u>NO coffee hour as the church basement is reserved by Pyfferoen family</u> )
	10:00 am	West JAM and East Sunday school
	11:00 am	West worship

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

- Sept. 16 (Mon.):** 10:00 am BOTH- Study at parsonage with Pastor Paul – All welcome!
- Sept. 17 (Tue.)** 10:00 am East Circle 4 Bible study, with noon meeting , then quilt/sack lunch
- Sept. 18 (Wed.):** 7:00 pm BOTH Confirmation class at West church
- Sept. 19 (Thur.):** Noon – Deadline to submit newsletter info
- Sept. 20 (Fri.)** EAST RESERVED for Lee/Kiser rehearsal (Rev. Rebecca Lee)
- Sept. 21(Sat.)**
- EAST RESERVED for Lee/Kiser wedding (Rev. Rebecca Lee)
  - BOTH – 8:00 am-3:00 pm: 2019 SE MN Synodical Women’s Organization Convention at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna
- Sept. 22 (Sun.):** West has communion
- Sept. 23 (Mon.):** 10:00 am BOTH- Study at parsonage with Pastor Paul – All welcome!
- Sept. 24 (Tue.):**
- 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
  - 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- Sept. 25 (Wed.):**
- 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
  - 7:00 pm BOTH Confirmation class at West church
- Sept. 26 (Thur.):** NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY at office (9:10 am-print, 9:20 am-folding, 9:45am-collate/tape)
- Sept. 28 (Sat.):** 9:30 am **WEST FALL BAZAAR & BRUNCH** (*brunch served 10:00 -Noon*) at the West chapel
- Sept. 29 (Sun.):** West deadline to turn in donations for school supply kids for Lutheran World Relief Mission

**Sept. 30 (Mon.):** 10:00 am BOTH- Study at parsonage with Pastor Paul – All welcome!

## LOCAL EVENTS

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

**Sept. 14 (Sat.)** from 2-3:00 pm: Installation of Bishop-Elect Rev. Regina Hassanally at St. John Lutheran in Owatonna

**Sept. 25 (Wed.)** from 4-7:00 pm: Hegre Lutheran Church's Annual Fall Swedish Meatball supper – *see poster for more info*

## TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**East Prayers:** Maryann Schultz, Jim Paulson (*brother-in-law of Peggy Andreason*), Royce (*Jenny Schwanke's son*), Ashley (*Pyfferoen Hunzeker*), Sylvia Torstenson, Dawn Otteson (*friend of Distad's*), Dean Andreason, Paula Ferdinandt-Rud, Emily Nagel (*girlfriend of Schultz's grandson*), Braxton Raymond (*nephew of Shannon Meier*), Viola Olson, Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Sharon Boelter, Dale Boelter, Bill Fritts, David Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

**West Prayers:** Erika Smith-active military deployment (*granddaughter of Carma/Ardean*), Darcy McGowan, Sylvia Torstenson, Dennis Waskosky (*father of Karen Hanson*), Kelly Keckhafer, Boyd Pew, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Joanne Larsen (*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Gene Hyland, Robert Beaver, Danny Linbo, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*).

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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## 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.