

East & West St. Olaf Lutheran

Joint Worship Service at East Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson



INTRODUCTION

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

GATHERING SONG O Living Bread from Heaven (ELW 542)

GREETING (ELW p. 203)

KYRIE Have mercy on us... (ELW p. 203)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE Glory be to God (ELW p. 204)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

A reading from 2 Samuel.

This reading describes some of the troubles in King David's family. His son Absalom has amassed an army and seized David's throne. Those loyal to David fight Absalom's forces and defeat them. David himself is chiefly concerned about the well-being of his son, even though that son has betrayed him.

⁵[King David] ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

⁶So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. ⁸The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

⁹Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. ¹⁵And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

³¹Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." ³²The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

³³The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber

over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the
LORD and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

A reading from Ephesians.

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away

from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia (ELW p. 205)

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts (ELW 658)

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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: Hear us, O God,
Please respond with: **Your Mercy is great.** [At ending: **Amen.**]

PEACE (ELW p. 206)

OFFERING (ELW p. 206)

OFFERATORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW p. 190)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his
glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 207)

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God* (ELW p. 208)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)

For the Bread Which You Have Broken (ELW 494)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)

BLESSING (ELW p. 209)

SENDING SONG *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 209)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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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.



AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

EAST: has early service at 8:30 am

WEST: has late service at 10:00 am

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US
 Altar Guild: Anyone interested may join East Altar Guild
 August: Marilyn Carlson & Audrey Carlson
 September: Amanda Pyfferoen & Deanna Bakken

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

You're Invited to Stay for Coffee Today!

After worship today, everyone is invited to stay for a time of fellowship and goodies. We hope you can join us!

BOTH: Meeting for Confirmation Parents/Students ~ This Wed.
 Students 7th grade or higher are eligible to begin Confirmation instruction. **A meeting for parents and students is scheduled for this Wed., August 15, at 7:00 pm at West chapel – for current students as well as new ones.** We'll review program, requirements, materials, & scheduling. *Looking forward to a great year of serving!*

Everyone is Invited: Ice Cream Social & Program by St. Olaf Heritage Association! ~ Next Sun., Aug. 19



Next Sunday, August 19 from 2-4:00 pm is the Ice Cream Social at the Tverberg Log Cabin, sponsored by St. Olaf Heritage Association. Program will be at 2 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! Free-will offering. *(If bringing displays, please have them in place by 1:30 pm).* Come RAIN OR SHINE – if rain, then this event will be at East Fellowship Hall.

West Meeting: Board of Ed, Deacons, Pastor & Others ~ Aug. 22
 West St. Olaf Board of Education and Deacons will be meeting on Wed., August 22 at 6:00 pm at the chapel.

Prayer Updates



Please inform Gina if you have any prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed from our list.

East Attendance for July

July Attendance: 1st-46, 8th-36, 15th-No service-was joint service at West, 22nd-19, and 29th-42.

West: Last Week's Attendance & Contributions

(08/05) Attendance: 39. Current \$1,220.

Next Week's Readings: Aug. 19: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20, and John 6:51-58

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

08/12	8:30 am	Joint worship & communion at East <u>Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and goodies after today's service!</u> <i>(coffee & goodies served by East Quilter Group)</i>
Mon.	9am-noon 7:00 pm	Pastor Paul at office West church council meeting
Tue.	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wed.	7:00 pm –	<u>BOTH: Confirmation parents & students have a meeting at West chapel</u>
Thur.	9am-noon	Pastor Paul at office
Fri.	----- 8am–6:00pm	Pastor Paul's day off-work <i>The Quilting Sisters of East St. Olaf at Gold Rush Days in Rochester</i>
Sat.	8am–6:00pm	<i>The Quilting Sisters of East St. Olaf at Gold Rush Days in Rochester</i>
08/19	8am–3:00pm 8:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am <u>2-4:00 pm</u>	<i>The Quilting Sisters of East St. Olaf at Gold Rush Days in Rochester</i> East worship & <u>NO</u> communion East coffee <i>(by College Fund)</i> East WELCA-cookies for Season's Hospice West worship <u>ICE CREAM SOCIAL – ALL INVITED!</u> <u>At historic Tverberg Cabin - Program 2pm</u> <i>Come rain or shine-if rain, event in East church</i>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

AUGUST

Pastor Paul's NEW office hours: Monday and Thursday from 9:00-noon (or by appointment). Day off-work is now Friday.

Aug. 21 (Tue.):

- 10:00 am East Circle 4 meeting, quilt, sack lunch
- Noon - Firm deadline to submit info for newsletter

Aug. 22 (Wed.): 6:00 pm West meeting for Deacons, Board of Education, Pastor, and others

Aug. 24 (Fri.): EAST RESERVED for 6:00 pm wedding rehearsal for Swanson/Severson

Aug. 25 (Sat.) Pastor Paul performs 3:00 pm marriage at Somerby Golf Course for Swanson/Severson

Aug. 26 (Sun.):

- West WELCA Officers plan Fall Bazaar at coffee hour
- NO communion at West

Aug. 28 (Mon.): East quilting/sack lunch

Aug. 30 (Thur.): NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY at office (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 10:00-collate)

LIST OF LOCAL & SYNOD EVENTS

See bulletin boards for any posters about these events

Aug. 16 (Thur.): 5:00-7:00 pm Brat & Pic Social at St. John's Lutheran Church of Kasson

Oct. 18 (Thur.): Good Gifts Gala at Rochester Country Club - a Good Earth Village fundraising event

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Family of Verla Meier (*grandma of Paul Meier*), Braxton Raymond (*nephew of Shannon Meier*), Brenda Exe, Les Severson (*son of Carol Severson*), Vicki Lawrence, Maryann Schultz, 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: Ann Marie Luker (*mom of Susie Thoe*), Vicki Lawrence, Loretta Himle, Christine Krause (*sister of Susie Thoe*), Boyd Pew, 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*).

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Friday is pastor's day off-work

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

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Head Deacon: Sheryl Wohlers - House: 365-8816, Cell: 259-5974

VISITS FOR EAST 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.

