

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

October 17, 2021: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Thompson    Organist: Pat Nelson

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (ELW 533)

### 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.

**Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12**

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 53:

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have all turned to our own way,

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

*Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.*

A reading from Hebrews, chapter 5:

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

**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: Mark 10:35-45**

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (ELW 686)

**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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth,  
we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

Holy One, for the gift of the... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers  
into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**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.

**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.*

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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. 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.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement

grant you to live in harmony with one another,

in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name (ELW 534)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**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 (*no offering plates are passed, due to Covid*).

**OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



**WEST 9:00 am** Worship (*coffee after church*)

**BOTH 10:00 am** West Jam, East SS, and coffee hours

**EAST 11:00am** Worship (*coffee before church*)

*Confirmation Sunday will be Oct. 31 at both churches*

**THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US**

**Altar Guild:** October – Darlene Myhre & Sonya Mansfield

**Deacon:** October - Jane Williams

**Reader/Helper:** Oct. 17 - Eric Herness (reader), and  
Glenda Mueller (communion help)

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

**Parents of Fall Confirmands: Important Information**

**Photo session for fall confirmands** will be Wed., **October 27<sup>th</sup>**, starting at West church at 7:00 pm.

>>>**ALSO** – *there are now order forms on the table in the narthex for ordering your confirmation photos.*



**TWO LOCAL EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

>>> **This Fri, October 22 at 7:00 pm:** The St. Olaf Band plays at the Kenyon-Wanamingo High School. Adults \$10, Students FREE. *Tickets can be purchased on the night of the concert OR in advance at [stolaf.edu/tickets](http://stolaf.edu/tickets) or 800-363-5487.*

>>> **This Sat., October 23 from 4:00-6pm:** Creamed Chicken Dinner over Biscuits - meal at Brownsdale United Methodist Church: Adults \$12, Ages 5 - 12 years \$5, and under 5 years FREE. Dine-in or Carry-out! *If questions, call Susan 507-567-2644.*

**FOR RENT: 40 Acres of Land by St. Olaf Parsonage**

**Requirements for placing a bid:** A sealed bid must be sent through the mail so each letter is postmarked – if there is a “bidding tie”, then the earliest date gets the bid.

**MAILED BIDS are due by into the church office before/by Sunday, November 7, 2021.** *On November 7 the bids will be opened by both East & West parsonage committee members (after having been printed in both the October and November church newsletters).* **IF**

**QUESTIONS – CALL:** Mel Schultz 507-365-8994 or Del Senjem 507-365-8968 **MAIL BIDS TO:** East St. Olaf Church

**ATTN:** Farm Bid  
6200 County Road 3 SW  
Byron, MN 55920

**CANCELLED: NO Lutefisk Supper at East St. Olaf**

Please help spread that word that there will NOT be a Lutefisk Supper at East St. Olaf this fall. *Tell folks to check back in 2022!*

**HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	East worship/communion
	10:00 am	West JAM/ East S.S., and coffee at both churches
	11:00 am	West worship
<b>Mon.</b>	9-noon	Pastor at office
<b>Tue.</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/ sack lunch
<b>Wed.</b>	-----	<b><u>NO class for confirmation (MEA)</u></b>
<b>Thur.</b>	9-noon	Pastor at office
<b>Fri.</b>	-----	Pastor’s day off-work
<b>10/24</b>	9:00 am	East worship

10:00 am	West JAM / East S.S., and coffee at both churches
11:00 am	West worship/communion

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

<b>Oct. 25 (Mon.)</b>	9-noon	Pastor at office
<b>Oct. 26 (Tue.)</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
<b>Oct. 27 (Wed.)</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	Confirmation at West
	<u>Also 7:00 pm</u>	<u>PHOTO SESSION at WEST for all being confirmed on October 31<sup>st</sup></u>
<b>Oct. 28 (Thur.)</b>	9-noon	Pastor at office <u>NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY</u> (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:45-collate)
<b>Oct. 29 (Fri.)</b>	-----	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Oct. 31 (Sun.)</b>		<u>BOTH: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</u>
	9:00 am	East worship/Holy Communion & Rite of Confirmation
	10:00 am	West JAM / East S.S. and coffee at both churches
	11:00 am	West worship/ Holy Communion & Rite of Confirmation

## TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**East Prayers:** John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Peggy Andreason, Bill Fritts, Maryann Schultz, Sylvia Torstenson, Viola Olson, Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Dale Boelter, David Distad, Sally Iverson, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

**West Prayers:** Martha Beaver, Mike Peterson, Ron Dolezan (*Heather Bamlet's dad*), Marian Larson, Diane Himle, Scott Larsen (*friend of Tina Baudoin*), Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Boyd Pew, Joann Tiegen, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*). Those serving in our military: Erika

Smith - (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*), and Tully Hovda (*son of Todd & Cathy Hodva*).

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PASTOR Paul Thompson:** (*Please call before driving to the office.*)

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**Office hours:** Monday and Thursday

9:00 am-Noon... OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

**SECRETARY Gina Moser:** (*Please call before driving to the office.*)

**Office Phone:** 507-365-8222 **Cell Phone:** 507-951-4964

**Emails:** eastwest@kmtel.com AND certainty@kmtel.com

Please send all emails for Gina to both of her email addresses.

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

**OUR WEBSITES:** eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

**OUR JANITORIAL SERVICE:** Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

### COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

President: Brian Mueller 252-8078

Gary Kearns - Home: 206-3158, Cell: 254-5285

Bryan DeCook - Cell: 208-1590

### 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: Glenda Mueller: 696-5753, Pat Cahill: 507-365-8766, or Jane Williams: 507-271-2272.