

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

September 19, 2021: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

INTRODUCTION

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)

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)

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

*For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.***

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

*that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.***

*For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.***

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

*that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.***

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,*

we worship you,

we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

Lord Jesus Christ,

only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

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and peace to God's people on earth.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SEMICONTINUOUS FIRST READING: PROVERBS 31:10-31

This passage, which ends the book of Proverbs, describes the good wife. She is a supremely capable and hardworking person, who runs the

household and also engages in commercial ventures. She cares both for her family and for the poor, and she fears the LORD.

A reading from Proverbs 31:

¹⁰A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

¹²She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

¹³She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

¹⁵She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.

¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

²⁰She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.

²²She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,

and does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:

²⁹“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEMICONTINUOUS PSALM: PSALM 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:13--4:3, 7-8A

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

A reading from James 3:

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will

also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. 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: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one

such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* (ELW 599)

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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of community, we pray for the church... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our 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

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

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. 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.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken (ELW 494)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 *This Is My Father's World (ELW 824)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

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

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



EAST 9:00 am worship

10:00 am EAST RALLY DAY TODAY:

*FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: Soda Floats,
Scavenger Hunt, Stories, and Games.*

*BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Bring your school
backpack, and Pastor Paul will bless them and our
children for a safe and successful school year.*

WEST 11:00am worship (coffee hour before church)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US
EAST Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild
Altar Guild: September – Deanna Bakken
Deacon: September - Pat Cahill
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.

East St. Olaf Sunday School RALLY DAY is Today! September 19 at 10:00 am: It’s the 1st day of Sunday school - there will be Soda Floats, Scavenger Hunt, Stories and Games. Also the “Blessing of the Backpacks & Our Children” (for a safe and successful school year), by Pastor Paul. *We’re glad you could join us!*

Caregiver’s Support Group

Dodge Center United Methodist Church is holding support group meetings – offering a safe place for caregivers to meet and develop a mutual support system. Phone: 507-374-6885
Address: 20 First Street NE Dodge Center, MN

Contributions

(09/05 and 09/12) Current \$3,730
 In Memory of David Brakke – Cemetery Fund \$50.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

09/19	9:00 am	EAST Worship/comm.
	9-11:00 am	WEST Remodel Sale in Chapel
	10:00 am	<u>EAST Sunday school Rally Day Fun!</u> West JAM & WEST coffee
	11:00 am	West Worship/ <u>Blessing of the Backpacks & Present Bibles to 3rd Graders</u>
Mon.	9-Noon	Pastor Paul at office
	7:00 pm	<u>DEADLINE for newsletter info</u>
Tue.	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch

Wed.	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
Thur.	9-Noon	Pastor Paul at office
Fri.	-----	Pastor Paul's day off-work
09/26	9:00 am	East worship
	9-11:00 am	<i>West Remodel Sale in Chapel</i>
	10:00 am	Coffee at BOTH/West Jam/ East SS
	11:00 am	West Worship/comm.
	<u>EAST RESERVED from Noon to 4:00 pm – for</u>	
	1:00 pm	<u>Funeral of Clarence Holt</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Sept. 28 (Tue.)		<u>NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER day at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:45-collate)
	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 29 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	Confirmation at WEST church
<u>OCTOBER:</u>		<u>West 9:00 am worship.</u>
		<u>10:00 am West JAM/East SS / coffee hour at BOTH</u>
		<u>East 11:00 am worship</u>
Oct. 1 (Fri.)		Pastor's day off-work
Oct. 3 (Sun.)	9:00 am	East worship/communion
	10:00 am	BOTH West JAM & East SS... and coffee at both churches
	11:00 am	West worship/communion
Oct. 4 (Mon.)	9-Noon	Pastor at office
Oct. 5 (Tue.)	9:00 am	<u>West LEFSE MAKING for the</u> Marketplace Day (<i>sack lunch</i>)
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>East church council meeting</u>
Oct. 6 (Wed.)		<u>NO</u> quilting today at West
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
Oct. 7 (Thur.)	9:00 am	<u>West LEFSE MAKING for the</u> Marketplace Day (<i>sack lunch</i>)
Oct. 8 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Oct. 10 (Sun.)	9:00 am	East worship
	10:00 am	East S.S. has Tie-Dye T-Shirt Day

West JAM
and coffee at both churches
11:00 am West worship/Estby baptism
Oct. 11 (Mon.) 7:00 pm West church council meeting

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, David Beaver, 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*).

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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:

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