

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

Sunday, May 19, 2019: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Thompson    Organist: Pat Nelson

## INTRODUCTION

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light – through the lens of love.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created all things, calling forth life in which you took delight.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

By water and the Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, especially new life in Jesus Christ.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*All Creatures, Worship God Most High! (ELW 835)*

## GREETING

**KYRIE (ELW p. 138)**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

*In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has

made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup>**young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is  
exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise  
for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are  
near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

#### **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

A reading from Revelation.

*John’s vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned;  
God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that  
cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven,  
new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the  
first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw  
the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven  
from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I  
heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am  
making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words  
are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am  
the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the  
thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of  
life.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

### GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John.

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW 631)

## 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.**

\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

## 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

## OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day  
you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life  
in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you  
and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### DIALOGUE (ELW p. 144)

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 (ELW p. 144)

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)

## 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. 146)

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Children of the Heavenly Father* (ELW 781)

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (ELW 773)

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (ELW 656)

### DISMISSAL

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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.

## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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

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

**VBS will be June 16-June 20 for BOTH at West**

**NOTE: Summer hours begin June 2: West-8:30 am & East-10:00 am**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**Altar Guild:** May - Rita Distad

*June - Dawn Evjen & Amy Jorgenson*

**East Reader:** May 19 - Pete Exe

**East Deacon:** May - Glenda Mueller

*June - Pat Cahill*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Part-time Pianist/Organist Needed at East & West



Kim Jacobson Kim Jacobson has been graciously helping us out during the transition, but it was only temporary - so we need a person to fill her position permanently on a basis of approximately one Sunday per month. *Talk to Pastor Paul, Debbie Schuck or Mike Senjem if you know of someone they should contact.*

**"ROAR!" VBS is coming in June!** Please remember to register your children by June 3 if possible (form was in May newsletter).

**Honoring Our Graduates:** East Graduate Recognition will be on



Sun., June 2. Congratulations along with God's blessing and guidance to this year's graduates: Aaron Stewart and Adam Watson.

**Emma Jervis would like to help keep your cemetery flowers**



**watered this summer.** She will water June through August. Cost is \$25 per cemetery plot. **Contact Emma at 365-8219 if you would like her help.**

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

<b>05/19</b>	9:00 am	East worship & communion East coffee ( <i>College Fund</i> )
	11:00 am	West worship
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 am-Noon	Pastor Paul at office
	4:00 pm	Deadline to submit newsletter info for the <u>combined June/July</u> issue
<b>Tue.</b>	10:00 am	Circle 4 Bible study, with noon meeting and quilting afterward
<b>Wed.</b>	7:00 pm	BOTH- Confirmation at East ( <i>last class</i> )
<b>Thur.</b>	9:00 am-Noon	Pastor Paul at office
<b>Fri.</b>	-----	Pastor Paul's day off-work

**Sat.** 11:00 am EAST FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED for the memorial service for Eric Tjepkes at East church/ Zion cemetery

**05/26** 9:00 am East worship  
East coffee (*Circle 4*)

11:00 am West worship & communion

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

**May 27 (Mon.):** MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT WEST

- 8:30 am – coffee & goodies available for free-will offering that benefits the Hayfield American Legion
- 10:25 am – service by Hayfield American Legion

**May 28 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

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

**May 31 (Fri.):** 8:30 am Day 1- SYNOD ASSEMBLY at Mayo Civic  
**JUNE**

**June 1 (Sat.):** 8:30 am Day 2- SYNOD ASSEMBLY at Mayo Civic

**June 2 (Sun.):**

- East Graduate Recognition
- Both churches have communion

## TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**East Prayers:** 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*), Maryann Schultz, 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:** 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 and Julie Boyum*).

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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**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:

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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.