

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

Christmas Hymn Sing ~ Service by Lay Leader

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Kim Jacobson



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Amidst the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome the light of God's forgiveness.

*Silence for individual reflection*

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Christ,

**Forgive our lack of faith and trust in your will.**

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable,

**Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

**Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

The magi followed the star to find the Savior of the nations.

**Forgive our reluctance to seek you with all our hearts.**

The angel said, "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. With great joy I announce to you the entire

forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

### RESPONSIVE READING

Glory to God in the Highest!

**And peace to His people on Earth.**

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the Earth with truth and justice.

**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

**Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**Reveal yourself to us in Word and Sacrament, that we may bear your light to all the world.**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

Let us pray.

**Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and  
open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all**

**things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

### **FIRST LESSON** 1 Samuel 2:18-24, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen robe. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD took note of Hannah; she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>Now Eli was very old. He heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all these people. <sup>24</sup>No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear the people of the LORD spreading abroad... But they would not listen to the voice of their father; for it was the will of the LORD to kill them.

<sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Let us pray.

**You called Samuel while he was still a child, and he served you with a pure heart. Bless our children, that they may also serve you as they are able. May we all, of every age put our hands, hearts, and minds to your service. Amen.**

### **SECOND LESSON** Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The Lord bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites,  
and I will bless them."

Let us pray. **Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

### **PSALM 148**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens,**

**and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them forever and ever;**

**he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

**Praise the Lord!**

### **THIRD LESSON** Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear

with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Let us pray. **We give you thanks for choosing us to be your own, and clothing us in all good things. Help us to live patiently with one another, and go forth from this place to be fountains of good things for all we encounter. Amen.**

## HYMN

### GOSPEL Luke 2:41-52

Now every year *Jesus and* his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Let us pray. **Heavenly God, you call us to your house, and teach us with wisdom that exceeds all wisdom on earth. Increase us also in wisdom, that we may also increase in favor among the peoples, and in your eyes. Amen.**

## OFFERING HYMN

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you, and scatter the darkness from your path. Almighty Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

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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.

## JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (*Same as Dec.*)



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

**BOTH:** 10:00 am West JAM / East SS & TLC

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

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**Acolytes:** Anna Myhre & Allison Meier (Dec. 30)

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

**December:** Sonya Mansfield & Darlene Myhre

*January: Dawn Eojen & Amy Jorgenson*

## WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS



To verify if there is a cancellation for a church service or church activity, **please check:** **KTTC TV (channel 10), or online at [www.kttc.com](http://www.kttc.com)** and click on the tab for **WEATHER**

- then click on Closings and Delays or check parsonage answering machine 365-8222. Decisions made by council presidents/pastor.

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPEN HOUSE INVITATION to Pastor Paul & Jana's Home!

*You're Invited!* Everyone is invited to Pastor Paul & Jana's for an Open House **Sunday, January 6 from 2-5 pm.** We will be showing pictures from our European trip. Stop by at whatever time works for you and enjoy snacks and good conversation. We'd love to have you can join us! *NOTE: If bad weather, then it will be held on Jan. 13 from 2 -5:00 pm instead.*

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

**12/30** Worship service will be by lay-leaders. (Pastor Paul vac.)  
9:00 am East worship: by lay leader  
East coffee (\_\_\_? *Open week*)  
NO West JAM/East SS or TLC (*school break*)  
11:00 am West worship: by lay leader  
**Mon.** 9:00am-Noon Pastor Paul at office  
**Tues.** OFFICE CLOSED: Happy New Year!  
NO quilting at East  
**Wed.** NO class for confirmation (*school break*)  
**Thur.** 9:00 am-Noon Pastor Paul at office  
*Gina returns to office*  
**Fri.** ----- Pastor Paul's day off-work  
**01/06** 9:00 am East worship & communion  
East WELCA meeting after church  
10:00 am West JAM, East SS & TLC resume  
East coffee (*by Sarah Circle*)  
11:00 am West worship & First Holy Communion  
West: July-Dec Erdman's tapes due  
2-5:00 pm OPEN HOUSE at Pastor Paul and Jana's  
home... Come for snacks, good company & European slide show! *If bad weather, then it will be held on Jan. 13 from 2 -5:00 pm instead.*

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

### Jan 8 (Tue.):

- 10:00 East quilting
- 6:00 pm East council meeting

**Jan. 9 (Wed.):** 7:00 pm BOTH-Confirmation at EAST church

**Jan 13 (Sun.):** East has baptism of Lacy Kay Wiebusch

## TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**East Prayers:** Richard Myhre (*brother of Tom Myhre Sr.*), Dean Andreason, Paula Ferdinandt-Rud, Emily Nagel (*girlfriend of Schultz's grandson*), Braxton Raymond (*nephew of Shannon Meier*), Brenda Exe, Maryann Schultz, Les Severson (*son of Carol Severson*), Vicki Lawrence, 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:** Russ Skov, Kelly Keckhafer, Ardean Bjornson, Boyd Pew, Vicki Lawrence, 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*).

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Office hours:** Monday and Thursday

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

**SECRETARY Gina Moser:** (*Gina off-work until Jan. 3*)

**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.