

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue - Hayfield, MN

First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 18, 2018

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Gloria Pew



INTRODUCTION

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
(LBW P. 56)

ENTRANCE HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (LBW 229)

GREETING (LBW p. 57)

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

The First Lesson is from the 9th chapter of Genesis.

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the

earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the
sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:18-22

The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of 1st Peter.

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former

times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE (LBW p. 62)

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, Still Lead On (LBW 341)*

CREED (LBW p. 64)

OFFERING (LBW p. 75)

THE PRAYERS

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. For all who preach, teach, and inspire your people to lives of service. Renew your church in ministry, mission, and compassion. Unite us in faith, and uphold us in the promises of baptism. Today we pray for these synod churches: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Red Wing ~ Trinity Lutheran Church, Ostrander ~ First Lutheran Church, Glenville ~ Concordia Lutheran Church of Pickerel Lake, Albert Lea ~ Marshall Lutheran Church, Adams ~ Issuna Lutheran Church, Tanzania ~ and El Salvador Lutheran Church, Colombia. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For the well-being of both our own surroundings and of distant places. For favorable weather and sustaining rains. For creatures awakening from hibernation or beginning seasonal migrations. Provide safe habitats and abundant food for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. For all who govern or hold positions of authority. For those who work to make their communities safe from violence. Protect all who place themselves in danger to save others from harm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For those moving to new communities. For individuals who are incarcerated or recently released from prison. For those who are abused or neglected, for the lonely, and for those who are ill *especially...*

West Prayers: The family of Al Eastlee, Baby Edwen Horejsi, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Boyd P., Francis B., Joanne L., Joann T., Gene H., Robert, Danny, Veronica, Philip, and Matt Miller. East Prayers: Steve Jensen, Julie A., Kelly A, Maryann, Heidi G., Dianne, Sharon, Cecelia, Dale, Vern, Kevin K., Bill, David, Patricia, Sally, Roland, Carol, John, and Harris. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For musicians, artists, and poets who help us envision your love through word, image, and song. For those who have faced exclusion or felt forgotten. For all who reach out in love and welcome. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially Martin Luther*). As they receive the fulfillment of your promises made to them in baptism, sustain us in the hope of resurrection life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (LBW 343)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME TO THOSE VISITING

If you are visiting today, we're glad you chose to worship with us. Please sign our guestbook in the narthex. Times for early/late services rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP HOURS

EAST: Has early service at 9:00 am
BOTH: 10:00 am West JAM/East SS & TLC group
WEST: Has late service at 11:00 am

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairperson(s): Sheryl Wohlers (Feb.)
Altar Guild: Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson (Feb.)
Acolytes: Feb. 18 – Cassidy Thompson & Nicholas Larsen
Reader: Sheryl Wohlers (Feb. 18)
Ushers: Steve Arett, Scott Iverson, Philip Senjem, and Will Laxen (Feb.)
Deacon: Sheryl Wohlers (Feb. 18)
Stewardship: Margaret Senjem (Feb.)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member's Sunday

We are hoping to have a New Member's Sunday soon. If you have visited East/West, and are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Pastor Paul at (507)273-5804, pthomp821@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Holy Hotdish COMING SOONER than You Think... April 15!

We need new people on the planning committee with fresh ideas for the food and program. We meet during coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Please consider!

COMPLETE CHANGE of DATES for Field Crest Events for West 2018 WELCA – please make the following changes:

ADD the following Dates for Field Crest Events:
Add March 15- Birthday Party *continued...*

Add March 25- Services at 1:30 pm (furnish 5 dozen cookies)
Add July 15- Services at 1:30 pm (furnish 5 dozen cookies)
Add November 4- Services at 1:30 pm (furnish 5 dozen cookies)
CROSS-OFF the these dates:
February 11, May 13, August 12, September 20 & November 11

Remember to Direct "Choice Dollars" at Thrivent by March 31
Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice program can help support organizations you care about... Like East or West St. Olaf Church! **Don't let Choice Dollars expire.** Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct any remaining "2017 Choice Dollars".

Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more OR call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Note to West Members Regarding Projects at Church

To our West St Olaf Church family,
At our annual meeting, we voted unanimously to proceed with two important projects at West. **If you would like to donate toward the repair of windows in the church or the audio/video system please make your check out to West St Olaf Church and on the memo line, write either Window Fund or A/V Fund.** *If you have questions about the windows please contact Ken Wohlers or for the A/V system, Greg Brandt. If you have other questions or concerns please contact any of your council members. Thank you all!*

West Women's Crafting Night ~ Thurs., March 8



Our next craft night will be this **Wed., March 8, at 6:00 pm at West chapel.** Bring a treat to share. If attending, please email Donna Larsen at dmlarsen73@yahoo.com or call her if you do not use email.

Last Week's Attendance & Collections

(02/11) Attendance: 64. Current \$1,353 and Benevolence \$28.

Next Week's Readings: Feb. 25th: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, and Mark 8:31-38

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

- 2/18** 9:00 am: EAST worship & communion... and East WELCA supplies cookies-Season's Hospice
10:00 am West JAM and East SS/TLC
East coffee hour (College Fund serving)
West coffee hour
11:00 am: West worship
- Mon.** 9:00am-noon Pastor Paul at office
- Wed.** BOTH at EAST:
6:00 pm soup supper (East TLC group serving)
7:00 pm Lenten service
- Thur.** ----- Pastor Paul's day off-work
- Fri.** 9:00-noon Pastor Paul at office
- 2/25** 9:00 am: EAST worship
10:00 am West JAM and East SS/TLC
East coffee hour (Circle 4 serving)
West coffee hour
11:00 am: West worship & communion

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

FEBRUARY:

Feb. 25 (Sun.): West has communion

Feb. 27 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

Feb. 28 (Wed.):

- 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
- BOTH at WEST - 6:00 pm soup supper and 7:00 pm Lenten service

MARCH:

West has 9:00 early service // East has 11:00 late service

BOTH at 10:00: coffee hour & JAM/East SS & TLC

Mar. 4 (Sun.): BOTH have communion

Mar. 7 (Wed.) BOTH at East - LENT

6:00 pm soup supper (East TLC group serving), and

7:00 pm Lenten service

Mar. 8 (Thur.): 6:00 pm West women's craft night (*bring snack*)

Mar. 11 (Sat.): Set clocks "ahead" 1 hour before bedtime *as DST time begins at 2:00 am Sunday morning*

Mar. 11 (Sun.): Daylight Saving Time is in effect

Mar. 12 (Mon.): JOINT COUNCIL NIGHT at West

- 6:00 pm brief separate council meetings
- 7:00 pm Joint Council

LIST OF LOCAL & SYNOD EVENTS

See bulletin boards for any posters about these events

"How to Talk Minnesotan" at Mantorville Theater

A musical at Mantorville that sounds like a lot of fun! FEBRUARY 9 - 25, 2018: Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm /Sundays at 2:00 pm \$23 Adults. \$21 Senior, students, groups of more than ten, and Mayo employess. Tickets available at www.mantorvillian.com, the Chocolate Shoppe in Mantorville, or at the door (*if available*).

"Kingdom Tales" - Theater for the Thirsty at KUMC

You've seen them at the Devoted Hearts Conference, and laughed with them at other Christ-based events! The Kasson United Methodist Women, invite your congregation to join us Sun., March 11th at 3:00 pm for a *Kingdom Tale* which is a 2 person, musical comedy about an unlikely queen - the story of Esther. *No charge - FREE to the community.*

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: The Family of Al Eastlee, Baby Edwen Horejsi, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Boyd Pew, Francis Bungum, Joanne Larsen (*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Gene Hyland, Robert Beaver, Danny Linbo, Veronica Riniker (*mother of Donna Larsen*), and Philip Senjem. **Long Term Need for Prayers:** Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson and Julie Boyum*).

East Prayers: Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Kelly Anderson (*friend of Peterson's daughter*), Maryann Schultz, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Dianne Kearns, Sharon Boelter, Cecelia Miller (*cousin of Yvette Dulohery*), Dale Boelter, Vern Exe (*Pete's father*), Kevin Kubly (*friend of Yvette Dulohery*), Bill Fritts, David Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Carol Severson, John Heydt (*Pat Nelson's brother*), and Harris Nelson (*Jerry Nelson's cousin*).

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATION INFO



To verify if there is a cancelation for a church service or church activity, **please check the following sources:**

KTTC TV, KROC AM 1340 radio, the parsonage answering machine 365-8222 or Facebook (if you're a

Facebook user, please find "East & West St. Olaf" and friend us).

Decisions are made by church council presidents with the pastor.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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:

West St. Olaf

President: Debbie Schuck: Primary: 251-7051, house: 477-2655

Vice President: Will Laxen: Cell: 208-5399

Head Deacon: Sheryl Wohlers: 365-8816, cell: 259-5974

HEALTH NOTE FOR THIS WEEK

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. 1 in 3 teens living in the US will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse in a relationship before they become adults. 1.5 million high school students experience physical abuse during dating, with 43% of dating college women reporting they have experienced abusive or violent dating. It is important for us to acknowledge that love is respect, and the 2018 theme is "Hands Unite: Do Your Part" as all of us can help identify respectful behaviors and expectations to help stop dating and relationship abuse and violence. 75% of parents have never spoken to their children about

domestic violence, and often children are unaware that abuse or the threat of abuse is wrong. This includes verbal, emotional, physical, sexual, and digital abuse. The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence has been urging us to Break the Cycle for the last 10 years, including the Love is Not Abuse Campaign, however many families have not been aware of these major issues. With the recent awareness of sexual abuse by a gymnastics team physician on children as young as 6, the issues of victimization due to innocence and trust have shocked our nation. We all need to expect and provide respect in any relationship. This starts with respect, awareness of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors, setting boundaries, and open communication with parents. Let's all do our part to help reduce domestic violence. Different types of dating abuse are available at <http://www.loveisrespect.org/is-this-abuse/types-of-abuse/> See: <http://www.loveisrespect.org/teendvmonth/> and <https://nrcdv.org/dvam/tdvam>