

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue - Hayfield, MN

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 9, 2017

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Gloria Pew



INTRODUCTION

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING HYMN *Lord of All Hopefulness* (LBW 469)

GREETING (LBW p. 57)

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 58)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

The First Lesson is from the 9th chapter of Zechariah

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are good to all,

and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:15-25a

The Second Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Romans.

Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE (LBW p. 62)

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Have No Fear, Little Flock (LBW 476)*

CREED (LBW p. 65)

OFFERING (LBW p. 75)

THE PRAYERS

Called together in the Spirit’s embrace, let us pray for the mending of God’s world.

Humble God, lead your church in the way of service. Prosper the work of campus ministries and Young Adults in Global Mission as they raise up leaders to serve the world. Today we pray especially for these synod churches: Trinity Lutheran Church, Albert Lea ~ First Lutheran Church, Red Wing ~ Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna ~ Mazoezi Maluga Lutheran Church, Tanzania ~ Isanzu Lutheran Church, Tanzania. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Cultivating God, bless and encourage all who work the land to feed your people. Give them joy in their vocation. Shower rain on crops and health on livestock. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you command peace to the nations. Give peaceful hearts and discerning minds to world leaders and citizens alike, that all who suffer violence and hunger come to know the fullness of life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you bid the weary come to you for rest. Renew energy for bone-tired people. Support our brothers and sisters who are burdened by grief, loneliness, and illness *especially...*
West Prayers: Al E., Joanne L., Joann, Gene H., Ginny, Robert, Orin, Inez, Dale, Danny, Veronica, Philip, and Matt Miller.
East Prayers: Rhonda, Heidi G., Dianne, Sharon, Cecelia, Dale, Vern, Kevin, Bill, David, Patricia, Sally, Roland, Merry Lea, Carol, John, and Harris.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of everything, you have compassion for all that you have made. Show our congregation what mercy looks like in our own community, that we become faithful partners in your ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks and praise for all the people who have blessed our lives, for saints among us whose steadfast faith has strengthened ours (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.
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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (WOV 731)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
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.



JULY WORSHIP HOURS

EAST: Early service at 8:30 am

WEST: Late service at 10:00 am

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairperson(s): Wilma Kylo & Cindy Senjem (July)

Altar Guild: Sandy Iverson & Mary Brandt (July)

Acolytes: Ushers will fill-in throughout summer months

Reader: July 9 - Carma Bjornson

Ushers: Steve Arett, Scott Iverson,
Philip Senjem, and Will Laxen (July)

Deacon: Deb Schuck (July)

Stewardship: Aloma Eastlee (July)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us this Saturday Evening, July 15, for Our Joint East & West St. Olaf Outdoor Worship Service at 7:00 pm at West!

Everyone from East AND West is invited to this special joint worship service at West... and we'll enjoy a movie and some activities afterward. How special to worship together right in the great outdoors which God himself created! And you just know it's going to be a great time of fellowship too. Hope to see you there!

West WELCA Outing ~ This Wed., July 12

Ladies, join us this Wed., July 12: Meet at chapel to share rides at 11:00 am – then we will lunch at School House Café in Mantorville at 11:30 am. At 1:00 pm, we'll go to Dodge County Historical Society to look at the quilt made in 1943 by West St. Olaf women. Contact Nancy Peterson at 365-8875, if you wish to attend this event. *The Historical Society is hoping someone may have information regarding the making of this quilt.*

SAVE THE DATE!

Ice Cream Social put on by St. Olaf Heritage Association

This event will be on Sun., August 20... so mark your calendar now for a great afternoon of fun. Watch bulletins and the August newsletter for more details.

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13, Romans 8:1-11 and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

- 7/9** 8:30 am East worship
10:00 am West worship with New Member Welcome of Pastor Paul & Jana Thompson
ALSO West Erdman's tapes are due
- Mon.** 10:00-noon Pastor Paul at office
- Tue.** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- Wed.** 10:00-noon Pastor Paul at office
West Special WELCA outing:
at 11:00 am meet at chapel for rides
at 11:30 am lunch at Schoolhouse Café in Mantorville – then at 1:00 pm we go to the Dodge County Historical Society Museum to view an old quilt made by West women
- Thur.** 10:00-Noon Pastor Paul at office
- Fri.** ----- Pastor Paul's day off-work
- Sat.** **Tonight: Joint East/West Outdoor Service - 7 pm at West**

East WELCA supplies cookies to Season's Hospice
7:00 pm **BOTH: SPECIAL JOINT-OUTDOOR SERVICE for BOTH churches - takes place at West St. Olaf 7:00 pm** - we will enjoy a joint-outdoor evening worship at West church - with a movie shown afterward and some activities too. ALL welcome!
- 7/16** **NO church service at either East or West St. Olaf**

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

THE MONTH OF JULY

>>>*NO council meeting at West during July (Aug. 14 is next mtg.)*

July 18 (Tue.): East Circle 4 meeting/quilting/sack lunch

July 20 (Thur.): DEADLINE to submit info for Aug. newsletter

July 23 (Sun.): Communion at West church - BOTH churches
have a pulpit supply pastor

July 25 (Tue.): East quilting/sack lunch

July 27 (Thur.): NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY (9:10-print,
9:30-fold and 10:00 tape/collate for the August issue)

LOCAL AREA & SYNOD: UPCOMING EVENTS

****See bulletin board/information table for any posters****

July 11 (Tue.): Summer Salad Luncheon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hayfield. *See poster for more info.*

July 15 (Sat.): Hayfield Fire Department's parade at 2:00 pm, followed by their fundraiser chicken fry supper & street dance.

Living Well with Diabetes Workshops by Elder Network: Meets every Tuesday for 6 weeks (*September 5-October 10*). No cost to attend. You may borrow the book if you don't write in it... or you may purchase the book for \$25. See poster on bulletin board.

Held at Elder Network: 1130 - 1/2 7th St. NW, Suite 205, Rochester.
CALL TO REGISTER 507-285-5272.

Berne Wood-Fire Pizza and Summer Concert Series: At Zwingli United Church of Christ on Wednesday nights throughout the summer. No entrance fee. See poster on bulletin board for schedule of musicians.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Al Eastlee, Joanne Larsen (*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Gene Hyland, Ginny Hyland, Robert Beaver, Orin Holtan (*brother of Gloria Pew*), Inez Hauglum, Dale Tiegen, 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: Rhonda Leighty, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Dianne Kearns, Sharon Boelter, Cecelia Miller (*cousin of Yvette Dulohery*), Dale Boelter, Vern Exe (*Pete's Dad*), Kevin Kubly (*friend of Yvette Dulohery*), Bill Fritts, David Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Merry Lea Brandt-MacFann (*daughter of Beverly Brant/sister of Mark Brandt*), Carol Severson, John Heydt (*Pat Nelson's brother*), and Harris Nelson (*Jerry Nelson's cousin*).

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