

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

May 22, 2022: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

INTRODUCTION: *Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death
to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and
for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts;
wipe away every tear.

**To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise,
and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (LBW 315)

*[1] Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.*

*Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*[2] Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*[3] Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*[4] Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise!*

GREETING (LBW p. 57)

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 (LBW p. 57)

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.*

*For the peace from above, and for
our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God, and
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen*

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 58)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:*

*Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

**Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you
promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your**

word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 16:9-15

A reading from Acts, chapter 16:

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and**

guide all the nations on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

A reading from Revelation, chapter 21:

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE (LBW p. 62)

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Down, O Love Divine (LBW 508)

*[1] Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with
thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy
holy flame bestowing.*

*[2] O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes
in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.*

*[3] Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become
mine inner clothing.
True lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.*

*[4] And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the
power of human telling;
No soul can guess his grace,
till it become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit
makes a dwelling.*

NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64)

**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 was made man.**

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.

THE PRAYERS

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

... God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)

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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68)

SANCTUS (LBW p. 69)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 69)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Beautiful Savior (LBW 518)

[1] Beautiful Savior, King of creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,

Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

*[2] Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

*[3] Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.*

*[4] Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.

*Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)

BLESSING (LBW p. 74)

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 SONG

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (LBW 526)

*[1] Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;*

*Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*[2] Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*[3] To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.*

*[4] Thou reignest in Glory, thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is Risen!
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 (*offering plates are not passed, due to Covid*).

MAY Worship Schedule:



WEST 9:00 am Worship (*coffee at 10am*)

BOTH 10:00 am West Jam (*West coffee*), East SS

EAST: 11:00 am Worship (*East coffee always after church*)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairperson(s): May – Nancy Peterson and
Gloria Brown

Altar Guild: May - Cindy Senjem, Donna Larsen

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Reader: May 22 - Carma Bjornson

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes

Deacon: May - Carma Bjornson

Stewardship: May - Jane Estby & Marilyn Skov

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for bulletin information – Wednesdays by 7:30 pm.

Submit any newsletter info by about the 20th of each month.

TODAY'S READINGS for **May 22**

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15: *A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.*

PSALM: Psalm 67

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5: *John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.*

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29: *As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

Historical Markers to be Dedicated at Joint Summer Services

The St. Olaf Historical Association has prepared two historical markers. *One is to be installed by the Tverberg Log House in parish park. Its text deals with the use of the log house as a family home, church and school beginning in pre-Civil-War times. The second historical marker relates to the building of West St. Olaf Church by pioneer Norwegian settlers and pastors. It will be installed by the church. **The markers will be dedicated in conjunction with joint East-West church services, as follows:***

- At EAST St. Olaf - log house marker: Sunday, **June 12**, 10 a.m.
- At WEST St. Olaf - marker: Sunday **July 10**, 10 a.m.

“Feeding America” is a Thrivent project West St. Olaf will participate in beginning **May 1- June 5**. It will benefit the Hayfield Food Pantry and Dodge County Food Shelf. Please

consider donating nonperishable food items or a monetary donation. There are boxes in the church and chapel to place your donations. The need is great! Let's make a difference to combat hunger in our community!

Instructions for Communion Elements

Each person please pick-up your own cup of communion wine or juice. Gluten-free bread will be given to everyone.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	9:00 am	West worship/ <u>communion</u>
	11:00 am	East worship
Monday	9am-noon	Pastor in office
Tuesday	10:00 am	East quilting/ sack lunch
Thursday	9am-noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday	10am-2pm	<u>WEST CHAPEL RESERVED for Bamlet graduation celebration</u>
Sunday 05/29	9:00 am	West worship
	11:00 am	East worship

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

May 30 (Mon.)	9am-noon	<u>OFFICE CLOSED - Memorial Day</u>
	T.B.D	<u>Memorial Day coffee at WEST</u>
	8:15 am	<u>Memorial Day service at WEST, by the Hayfield Legion</u>
	8:10 am	Memorial Day service at East, by the Kasson Legion
May 31 (Tue.)	10:00 am	East quilting/ sack lunch

JUNE: SUMMERTIME HOURS BEGIN!

EAST 8:30 am worship / coffee after church

WEST 9:30 am coffee hour / 10:00 am worship

June 2 (Thur.)	9:00am-Noon	Pastor at office
June 3 (Fri.)	_____	Pastor's day off-work
June 5 (Sun.)	8:30 am	East worship / <u>communion</u>
	9:30 am	West coffee hour
	10:00 am	West worship / <u>communion</u>

June 6 (Mon.) 9:00am-Noon Pastor at office
June 9 (Thur.) 9:00am-Noon Pastor at office
June 10 (Fri.) _____ Pastor's day off-work
June 11 (Sat.) WEST CHAPEL RESERVED- Thoe bridal shower
June 12 (Sun.) ----- JOINT worship at EAST church with
 Dedication of historic marker for the
 Tverberg log cabin.
June 13 (Mon.) JOINT council meeting at WEST
 6:00 pm separate council meetings
 7:00 pm joint meeting begins

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Ralph Kylo, Debbie Schuck, Ginny Hyland, Neil Soehren, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Martha Beaver, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Boyd Pew, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*). Those serving in our military: Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland - deployed overseas*), Erika Smith - (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*), and Tully Hovda (*son of Todd & Cathy Hovda*).

East Prayers: The family of Maryann Schultz, Dalton Mansfield (*currently serving aboard ship*), Peggy Andreason, Neil Soehren, Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Keith Roeder (*Paul Jordan was his father-in-law*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Bill Fritts, Sylvia Torstenson, Julie Andreason, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), David Distad, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

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