

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue - Hayfield, MN

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Gloria Pew



INTRODUCTION

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)

GATHERING HYMN *Come, Thou Almighty King* (LBW 522)

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...

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 31:10-31

The First Lesson is from the 31st chapter of Proverbs.

- ¹⁰A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- ¹²She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- ¹³She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- ¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
- ¹⁵She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
- ¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
- ¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
- ²⁰She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- ²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- ²²She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- ²³Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- ²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them;

she supplies the merchant with sashes.
²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
²⁹"Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."
³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are
like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND LESSON: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not

come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE (LBW p. 62)

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (LBW p. 63)

HYMN OF DAY *Children of the Heavenly Father: (LBW 474)*

CREED (LBW p. 65)

THE PRAYERS

Each petition of the prayer will end: Lord in your mercy,
Please respond with: **Hear our prayer.** [At ending: **Amen.**]

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

OFFERING (LBW p. 66)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given
us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your
gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)

PREFACE (LBW p. 68)

SANCTUS (LBW p. 69)

THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 69)

LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Beautiful Savior (LBW 518)

How Great Thou Art (LBW 448)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)

BLESSING (LBW p. 74)

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (LBW 423)

DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



WEST: has early service at 9:00 am

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

EAST: has late service at 11:00 am

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairperson(s): Cindy Orning (Sept.)
Altar Guild: Wilma Kylo & Cindy Senjem (Sept.)

Acolytes: Usher's cover for summer months

Reader: Cindy Orning (Sept. 23)

Ushers: Don Alrick, Greg Brandt,
Neil Rabehl, and Craig Steinfadt (Sept.)

Deacon: Cindy Senjem (Sept.)

Stewardship: Donna Larsen (Sept.)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR PASTORAL NEEDS



Pastor Paul will be on vacation through October 5:

FOR EMERGENCY PASTORAL NEEDS please call:

For WEST: Pastor Paul Hauschild 507-477-2248

Tonight: "Focused Conversations" About Electing New Bishop
As the SEMN Synod prepares to elect a new bishop next year, all members of synod congregations are invited to participate in events called "*Focused Conversations*", to help us decide what sort of person we want to lead our synod going forward. The closest to us will be at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester, TONIGHT, September 23 at 7:00 pm.

Thank You, West St. Olaf

For your amazing support as we begin a new Sunday School year. It was very special to have so many of our youth back in church for Rally Day sharing in song, blessing of the backpacks and new Bibles for some grade levels. The Rally Day Dinner was another success as we shared in food and conversation. The free will offering was given to "Bundles of Love". An offering of \$304.50 and \$60.00 worth of baby products were given to this very special organization. ~ West St. Olaf Council ~

Fall Bazaar & Luncheon at West St. Olaf ~ This Saturday 9/29



All welcomed! For purchase: Baked Goods, Quilts, Crafts & Boxed Cards. MENU: Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Fresh Fruit, & Pumpkin Dessert. Chapel opens at 9:30 am, Serving luncheon from 10:00 am-noon. Cost: Adult \$7.00, School Age Children \$2.50, 5 & under Free (*proceeds go to victims of the California fires*). **Hope to see you Saturday!** For West women: Chapel will be open Friday evening 6-7:00 pm and 8:00 am Saturday to receive items for the bazaar.

Special Donations for Victims of California Fires



West St. Olaf Fall Bazaar will be donating our proceeds to the victims of the California fires. We would like to have a special donation from church to add to this. The church council decided to do the special donations on the following Sundays: Sept. 23, Sept. 30, and Oct. 7. **If you are able to support this mission, we thank you.** Please note "CA Fires" and amount of donation on memo line, if writing a check for this mission.

Kindness Kits for the Von Wald Home

Thrivent Community Rochester is collecting the following items for the Von Wald Home. You may drop these items off at our office by Monday, October 1st. Our address is: 116 Elton Hills Lane NW, Rochester.

NEEDS: Toothbrush/Toothpaste, Body Wash, Deodorant, Combs, Lip Balm, Water Bottles

We are hoping to pack 200 kits and we need your help!

WHAT: Packing Event ~ Refreshments will be served.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 3rd from 1:30-3:30 pm

WHERE: Rochester Area Foundation, 12 Elton Hills Dr NW, Rochester, MN (*corner of Broadway & Elton Hills Dr.*)

Contact Shauna or Diane at 507-289-1682 or email shauna.eastlee@thrivent.com or diane.barclay@thrivent.com

Adopt-a-Family 2018: A "Christmas Spirit" Project

Fill hearts with Christmas with joy! **Thrivent Community Rochester** will be hosting the Adopt-a-Family project November 5th - 30th and you are invited to join in! *Thrivent's Christmas tree will be decorated with paper ornaments. Each ornament will list a gift item for a less fortunate individual in our community. You will simply pick an ornament from the tree, purchase the item and return it unwrapped to our office located at 116 Elton Hills Lane NW, Rochester, MN by November 30.* Contact Shauna or Diane at 507-289-1682 or email shauna.eastlee@thrivent.com or diane.barclay@thrivent.com

Last Week's Attendance & Contributions

(09/16) Attendance: 43. Current \$933.

Next Week's Readings: Sept. 30: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, and Mark 9:38-50

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

>>> Pastor Paul is on vacation through Oct. 5, so please call Emergency Pastors listed in first announcement above.

9/23	9:00 am	West worship & comm.-Rev. Ann Siverling
	10:00 am	BOTH: JAM/East Sunday school & TLC East coffee hour (by Circle 4)

11:00 am East worship-Rev. Ann Siverling
7:00 pm Synod Event: Focused Conversation at Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester

Tues: 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
10:00 am East/quilting/sack lunch

Wed. 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at West (*Amy Jorgenson leading class-Pastor Paul on vac.*)

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

Fri. 6-7:00 pm West chapel open to drop off Bazaar items

Sat. WEST FALL BAZAAR & LUNCHEON
All welcome! Bazaar begins 9:30 am, lunch will be served 10:00 am-Noon

9/30 9:00 am West worship-Rev. Ann Siverling
10:00 am BOTH: JAM/East Sunday school & TLC
East coffee hour (*open regarding coverage*)
11:00 am East worship-Rev. Ann Siverling

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

OCTOBER: Worship times: East-9:00 am / West-11:00 am

>>> Pastor Paul on vacation through October 5th... call pastors listed in first announcement at top, for emergency pastoral needs.

Oct. 3 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at East (*Amy Jorgenson is leading class-Pastor Paul on vacation*)

Oct 7 (Sun.): BOTH have communion

Oct. 8 (Mon.): 7:00 pm West church council meeting

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

Oct. 10 (Wed.):

- 9:00am West quilting/sack lunch
- 1:00 pm West WELCA meeting – *Host is Marilyn Skov, Bible study by Sharon Gulbransen*
- 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at East

Oct. 11 (Thur.): 6-8:00 pm West women's craft night – *bring snack*

Oct. 17 (Wed.):

- 10:00 am Pastor Paul leads worship at Summit/Byron
- NO class for confirmation (*due to MEA break at schools*)

Oct. 20 (Sat.): Noon – Deadline to submit newsletter info/reports

Oct. 21 (Sun.):

- West baptism: Ethan Peter Estby
- East supplies cookies to Season's Hospice

Oct. 23 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

Oct. 24 (Wed.):

- 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
- 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at East

Oct. 28 (Sun.): West has communion

Oct. 30 (Tue.): NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY at office (*9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 10:00 collate*)

Oct. 31 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at East

LIST OF LOCAL & SYNOD EVENTS

See bulletin boards for any posters about these events

Today, Sept. 23 11:00am-1:00 pm 26th Annual Turkey Dinner at St. John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Church Dodge Center.

Sept. 26 (Wed.): 4-7:00 pm Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper at Hegre Lutheran of Kenyon.

Oct. 4 (Thur.): 4 – 8 pm Country Store at Immanuel Lutheran of Racine, MN.

Oct. 6 (Sat.): 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Think Pink-Stop & Shop at Holy Family Catholic Church, Kasson.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Christine Krause (*sister of Susie Thoe*), Loretta Himle, 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*).

East Prayers: Emily Nagel (*girlfriend of Shultz'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, Kelly Anderson (*friend of Peterson's daughter*), Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Sharon

Boelter, Dale Boelter, Cecelia Miller (*cousin of Yvette*), Vern Exe (*father of Pete*), Kevin Kubly (*friend of Yvette*), Bill Fritts, David Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*Pat Nelson's brother*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Paul Thompson: on vacation through Oct. 5: Please call pastors listed in 1st announcement if emergency pastoral needs.

SECRETARY Gina Moser: (*Please call before driving to the office.*)

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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:

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

Vice President: Will Laxen - Cell: 208-5399

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