

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

September 18, 2022: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

WEST Worship Plan for Sunday, September 18, 2022

Lectionary 25--- Proper 20

15th Sunday after Pentecost

LBW Setting One without Communion

INTRODUCTION: *As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing – we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Before God, our rock and our refuge, let us keep silence, and then confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

You know our failings better than we do; our sins are revealed in the light of your face. Our days and years pass by; the things we trust fade like grass. Be gracious to us, O God. Guide us again to the water of life, and renew in us the grace of holy baptism; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

You are all children of the light and of the day; you are God’s children now. In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die

for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. With all the faithful in heaven and on earth, rejoice and be glad!

ENTRANCE HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be (LBW 406)

*[1] Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*[2] Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.*

*[3] Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.*

*[4] Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.*

*[5] Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.*

*[6] Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.*

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)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

*We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,*

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one
standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom,
and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SEMICONTINUOUS FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18--9:1

A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 8:

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?”)

²⁰“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.”

²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

^{9:1}O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEMICONTINUOUS PSALM: Psalm 79:1-9

¹O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple;
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

²**They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the
birds of the air,
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**

³They have shed their blood like water on every side of
Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.

⁴**We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

⁵How long will you be angry, O LORD?

Will your fury blaze like fire forever?

**⁶Pour out your wrath upon the nations who have not known you
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.**

⁷For they have devoured Jacob
and made his dwelling a ruin.

**⁸Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us;
for we have been brought very low.**

⁹Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name;
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1st Timothy, chapter 2:

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

— this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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: Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'
³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'
⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'
⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'
⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior (LBW 364)

*[1] Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory,
For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.*

*[2] As you, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.*

*[3] Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.*

*[4] Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing
That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth your will be done.*

CREED (LBW p. 64)

**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**

THE PRAYERS

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread,
so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all
of God's good creation.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit,
gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 76)

**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 (LBW p. 76)

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (LBW 439)

[1] *What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!*

[2] *Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!*

[3] *Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor.

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 in the offering in the plate as you leave (*offering plates are not passed, due to Covid*).

SEPTEMBER Worship Hours



WEST 9:00 am worship / coffee afterward at 10:00 am

BOTH 10:00 am West JAM & East Sunday school

EAST 11:00 am worship / coffee always after church

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairperson(s):

Sept. - Mary Brandt, Cindy Orning

Altar Guild: Sept. - Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson

Reader: Sept. 18 - Sheryl Wohlers

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes

Deacon: September - Sheryl Wohlers

Stewardship: September - Jan Nordland

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S READINGS for SEPT. 18:

Semicontinuous First Reading: Jeremiah 8:18--9:1

Jeremiah's primary task as God's prophet was to announce the terrible destruction that awaited the people of Judah and Jerusalem because of their sin. In this passage, a grief-stricken Jeremiah anguishes over the sadness of that message and weeps for his people.

Semicontinuous Psalm: Psalm 79:1-9

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7: *The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13: *Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

West is collecting supplies for school kits for Lutheran World Relief - today is the final day to donate. There is a box to place your donations, in the church. *Thank you for supporting this Thrivent Action Team mission.*

90th Birthday Celebration for Orillie - You're Invited!!



NEXT Sunday, Sept. 25 from 12:00-2:00pm at East St. Olaf Lutheran Church. A light lunch and cake will be served. Please drop in! All are welcome - come help us celebrate!

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

Deadline for bulletin information - Wednesdays by 7:30 pm.
Submit any newsletter info by about the 20th of each month.

TODAY	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	BOTH West JAM/East SS Also West coffee
	11:00 am	East worship/ <u>communion</u> , with East coffee after church
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	Noon	<u>Deadline to submit newsletter info</u>
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Confirmation class West Chapel
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. 09/25	9:00 am	West worship / <u>communion</u>
	10:00 am	BOTH West JAM/East SS Also West coffee
	11:00 am	East worship/ <u>Baptism of Nathan Yngsdal</u> East coffee after church
	Noon-2:00 pm	<u>AT EAST: Orillie's 90th Birthday</u>

Open House – Everyone welcome!

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

- Sept. 26 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Sept. 27 (Tue.) 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- Sept. 28 (Wed.) 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
7:00 pm Confirmation class West Chapel
- Sept. 29 (Thu.) >>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at office**
(9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)
9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Sept. 30 (Fri.) ----- Pastor's day off-work
- OCTOBER**
- Oct. 2 (Sun.) 9:00 am East Worship/Communion... with coffee always after church service
10:00 am BOTH West JAM / East Sun. school
10:00 am West coffee
11:00 am West Worship/Communion
- Pastor Paul on vacation Mon., Oct. 3–Sun., Oct. 9: So if you have a PASTORAL EMERGENCY, please call your council members (numbers listed under Church Contacts on back of bulletin).**
- Oct 4 (Tue.) 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
6:00 pm East church council meeting
- Oct. 5 (Wed.) 7:00 pm Confirmation class at East church
- Oct. 9 (Sun.) PULPIT SUPPLY Pastor on vacation
9:00 am East Worship... with coffee always after church service
10:00 am BOTH West JAM / East Sun. school
10:00 am West coffee... with Confirmation Recognition at West
11:00 am West Worship

BOTH LOCAL EVENTS

TODAY 09/18: 29th Annual Turkey Dinner at St. John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Church, Dodge Center, MN – Handicapped accessible and take-out's available. *More info on bulletin board.*

Sept. 21 (Wed.): Hegre's Annual Swedish Meatball Supper,

Kenyon - ONLY take-out and curbside pickup. *More info on bulletin board.*

Sept. 24 (Sat.): Fall Salad Luncheon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hayfield, MN. *More info on bulletin board.*

Oct. 6 (Thur.): Immanuel Lutheran Church's Annual Country Store (dine-in or carry-out) 4-7pm. *More info on bulletin board.*

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Ralph Kylo, Loretta Himle, Gloria Brown, 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*).

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Head Deacon: Sheryl Wohlers - House: 365-8816, Cell: 259-5974