

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

March 15, 2020: Third Sunday in Lent

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal – offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (LBW p. 57)

ENTRANCE HYMN *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (LBW 104)

GREETING (LBW p. 57)

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

JAM STUDENTS SING

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 95

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of
God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸**"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of
this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.' "

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE (LBW p. 62)

GOSPEL: John 4:5-26

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days (LBW p. 99)

CREED (LBW p. 64)

OFFERING (LBW p. 75)

THE PRAYERS

Each petition of the prayer will end: Hear us, O God,

Please respond with: **Your Mercy is great.** [At ending: **Amen.**]

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING (LBW p. 76)

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

DISMISSAL

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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 church services rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf*

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE



WEST: 9:00 am worship

BOTH: 10:00 am - West JAM & East Sunday school

EAST: 11:00 am worship

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairperson(s):

Nancy Gulbransen, Sandy Iverson (Mar.)

Altar Guild: Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson (Mar.)

Acolytes: Carlon Thompson & Samara Olson (Mar.)

Reader: Mar. 15 - Todd Hovda

Ushers: Don Alrick, Greg Brandt,

Neil Rabehl, and Craig Steinfeldt (Mar.)

Deacon: Mar. - Cindy Orning

Stewardship: March - Jeff & Susi Thoe

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANCELED: ALL March Events at Field Crest Canceled!



We received a call from Field Crest that they are under quarantine. West WELCA will NOT be hosting the birthday party on March 19 and we will NOT host the church service on March 29. ALL ARE CANCELED.

Lenten Services with Soup Suppers

Join us for Lenten services at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. *There is a soup supper at 6:00 pm each week.* March 18 at East, March 25 at West, and April 1 at East.

Lilies to Beautify Our Altar ~ Easter Will be Here Soon!



If anyone wishes to donate/share their Easter lily/lilies at church "*in-memory of*" and/or "*in-honor of*" someone. **Please drop-off lilies at church the day before Easter.** Please inform Mary Brandt or Sandy Iverson at WEST, by Mon. April 6, if you would like them listed in the Easter bulletin.

West St. Olaf Easter Egg Hunt

Our Luther League will put on an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday (rain or shine). Kids, bring your basket and have fun!

Craft Night for East AND West Women - NEW date for APRIL... and kids are welcome at the April craft night



Ladies, we hope you can join us for a monthly night of fellowship, fun and crafts! Meets at West chapel - bring a snack to share, and any specified items from the craft list (*printed in newsletters/on bulletin board*). **NEW DATE: Thurs., April 16 from 6-8:00 pm** at West chapel. Each month, RSVP to Donna Larsen at dmlarsen73@yahoo.com

Direct Your Thrivent "Choice Dollars" Now

Thrivent Choice Dollars from 2019 can still be directed until March 31, by calling **800-847-4836**. When prompted, say "Thrivent Choice". Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars. *A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.*

Attendance and Contributions

(03/08) Attendance: 35. Current \$1,590.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

03/15	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	BOTH have JAM & SS (<i>coffee-College Fund</i>)
	11:00 am	East worship & communion

Mon.	9-noon	Pastor Paul at office
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wed.	6:00 pm	BOTH at East - soup supper
	7:00 pm	BOTH at East - Lenten service - <i>(all confirmation students should attend)</i>
Thur.	9-noon	Pastor Paul at office
Fri.	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sat.	Noon	<u>Deadline to submit info for next newsletter</u>
03/22		<u>SPRING DINNER at East St. Olaf</u>
	9:00 am	West worship & communion
	10:00 am	BOTH have JAM & SS (<i>coffee- Circle 4</i>)
	11:00 am	East worship
	Noon	Spring Dinner at East - all are welcome!

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Mar. 24 (Tue.):

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

Mar. 25 (Wed.):

- 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch (*last quilting until fall*)
- BOTH at WEST: 6:00 pm soup supper & 7:00 pm Lenten Service - West Board of Education serving supper (*all confirmation students should attend*)

Mar. 29 (Sun.):

- East Sunday school is serving East coffee
- East Altar Guild meeting with Pastor Paul - right after church

Mar. 31 (Tue.):

- 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY at office (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:45-collate)

APRIL

All students should attend Lenten, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday service in place of Confirmation class (until class resumes APRIL 15 at West church)

Apr. 1 (Wed.): BOTH at EAST 6:00 pm soup supper & 7:00 pm Lenten service (*all confirmation students should attend*)

Apr. 5 (Sun.): PALM SUNDAY

- Both churches have communion
- West has its Easter Egg Hunt (rain or shine)

LOCAL EVENTS

*****See bulletin boards for any posters about these events*****

Mar. 27 (Fri.): 15th Annual FISH FRY at Dodge Center's St. John's Catholic Church from 4:00-7:30 pm. See poster for more info.

Apr. 3 (Fri.): 34th Annual FISH FRY at Hayfield's Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 5:00-7:00 pm. See poster for more info.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Jill Thompson, Kurt Connelly, Erika Smith- military deployment (*granddaughter of Carma/Ardean*), Dennis Waskosky (*father of Karen Hanson*), Kelly Keckhafer, Boyd Pew, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Joanne Larsen (*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Robert Beaver, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*).

East Prayers: Orillie Iverson, Bill Fritts, Dianne Kearns, Laura Hall (*friend of Sharon Boelter*), Carmen Campbell (*Peggy Andreason's sister*), Steve Wilson, Maryann Schultz, Royce (*Jenny Schwanke's son*), Ashley (Pyfferoen) Hunzeker, Sylvia Torstenson, Dawn Otteson (*friend of Distad's*), Paula Ferdinandt-Rud, Emily Nagel (*girlfriend of Schultz's grandson*), Viola Olson, Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Sharon Boelter, Dale Boelter, David Distad, Sally Iverson, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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