

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Hayfield, MN

Day of Pentecost

Affirmation of Baptism & Holy Communion

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Pastor Paul Thompson    Organist: Gloria Pew



## INTRODUCTION

*On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**GATHERING HYMN** *O Day Full of Grace* (LBW 161)

**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. . .

**Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

“What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

<sup>25</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>26</sup>**Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too  
many to number, creatures both small and great.**

<sup>27</sup>There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,  
which you have made for the sport of it.

<sup>28</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>30</sup>**You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath,**

**and they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>32</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>34</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>35</sup>May these words of mine please him;  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>37</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:22-27**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE (LBW p. 62)**

**GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, O Christ.*

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Here I Am, Lord* (WOV 752)

## PRESENTATION (LBW p. 198)

These persons; Annabelle Bamlet, Emma Jervis, Maleah McAndrews, and Cassidy Thompson, have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH (LBW p. 199)

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the

community of God’s people, you have learned from his Word God’s loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been [nourished at his holy table and] called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

## THE PRAYERS

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

Lord of life, you baptize your people with the fire of the Spirit. Grace your church everywhere with your visions and dreams, so that as we testify, all will hear the gospel and call upon your saving name. Today we pray for these synod churches: Mansfield Lutheran Church, Alden ~ Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna ~

St. Olaf College Student Congregation, Northfield ~ Tyeme Lutheran Church, Tanzania ~ Preventative Mental Health Ministry, Colombia. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your creating Spirit renews the face of the earth. Bring to birth new life in the earth's land forms and waters. Awaken us from the slumber of neglect to show tender care for our home. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your Spirit swept over the waters and you created the human family. Now we are divided, scattered like dry bones. Connect the nations with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that all will live in hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your Spirit sighs with every need. Guide us in honoring the dignity of everyone and opening our lives to others. Pour your healing mercies into the lives of all who need your care, *especially...* West Prayers: Loretta H., Jocelyn S., Boyd P., Chuck B., Bill Tietje, Joanne L., Joann T., Gene H., Robert, Danny, Veronica, Philip, and Matt.

East Prayers: Family of Frank Exe, Maryann, Viola, Steve, Julie A., Kelly A, Heidi G., Sharon, Cecelia, Dale, Vern, Kevin K., Bill, David, Patricia, Sally, Roland, Carol, John, and Harris.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your Spirit has called and gathered this congregation into life in Christ. Help us in our weakness, teach us to pray, search our hearts, and intercede for us, your beloved saints, according to your will. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

By your Holy Spirit you have called and gathered people from every nation under heaven. Gather us with all the saints at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (LBW p. 201)**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear his Word and share in his supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word

and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

### **PRAYER OF BLESSING (LBW p. 201)**

Let us pray.

**Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen**

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS (LBW p. 201)**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *Annabelle, Cassidy, Emma, and Maleah* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her* faith, guide *her* life, empower *her* in *her* serving, give *her* patience in suffering, and bring *her* to everlasting life.

### **PEACE (LBW p. 201)**

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)**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, [on this day,] as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS (LBW p. 69)**

**THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 69)**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus  
Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)**

**COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (LBW 448)*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)**

**BLESSING (LBW p. 74)**

**SENDING HYMN *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* (LBW 383)**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**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.

**MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**WEST:** has early service at 9:00 am

**BOTH:** 10:00 am East SS & TLC

**EAST:** has late service at 11:00 am

*June hours will be: East at 8:30 am / West at 10:00 am*

*EXCEPT for a Joint Service at East June 24 at 10:00 am,*

*followed by Zion marker dedication & a potluck lunch afterward.*



**THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US**

**WELCA Chairperson(s):** Wilma Kyлло & Cindy Senjem (May)

**Altar Guild:** Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson (May)

**Acolytes:** May 13 through summer months: Ushers

**Reader:** Confirmands are reading today (May 20)

**Ushers:** Don Alrick, Greg Brandt,  
Neil Rabehl, and Craig Steinfeldt (May)

**Deacon:** Sandy Iverson (May)

**Stewardship:** Susie Thoe (May)



## TODAY: AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Congratulations and God's blessing to the young women who are affirming their faith today at West St. Olaf. May God guide their lives and bless them with wisdom.

### Annabelle Marie Bamlet

Daughter of William & Heather Bamlet

Godparents/sponsors: Carl Bamlet & Kevin Dolezan

Verse: Deuteronomy 31:16 The Lord said to Moses, "Soon you will lie down with your ancestors. Then this people will begin to prostitute themselves to the foreign gods in their midst, the gods of the land into which they are going; they will forsake me, breaking my covenant that I have made with them.

### Emma Rose Jervis

Daughter of Amanda Scheffler

Godparents/sponsors: Zeb & Denni Kittelson

Verse: Joshua 1:9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

### Maleah Ann McAndrews

Daughter of Eric & Missy Olson, Jared McAndrews

Godparents/sponsors: Erin & Nick Olson, Tara Krall,

Leah Stier, Nicole Ruehlow, Kelsey Ruehlow

Verse: Joshua 1:9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

### Cassidy Marie Thompson

Daughter of Chad & Jill Thompson

Godparents/sponsors: Andy Ludvigson & Shawn Thompson

Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

*(Also confirmed today at East St. Olaf: Landon John DeCook, Cameron Jay Meier, and Taylor Lynn Stewart)*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### North Half of Chapel Reserved Today

North half of chapel is reserved today for a confirmation celebration from 9-Noon by Jan Nordland.

### Need Help Watering Your Cemetery Flowers this Summer?



Emma Jervis would like to help keep them blooming all summer! She will water twice a week (*or as needed*) for the months of June, July, and August for \$25 per gravesite. If she can help you, please contact her at: 365-8219.

### Urn Watering Service Offered Again at East, West & Fairview



Jacob Reynolds, Sue and Gene Hyland's grandson, watered urns at the West St Olaf cemetery last summer. This year he will be watering urns at both the East and West cemeteries for anyone interested.

The charge is \$25 for the summer. He will be watering twice a week. He will also be watering urns at Fairview Cemetery in Hayfield. Jacob can be reached at 507-923-8254.

### "Stepping On" Workshops ~ This Wed., May 23 is Final Session



Stepping On workshops meet for one more session: This Wed., May 23 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. If questions, contact: Yvette Dulohery, RN, FCN at 507-317-3763

### Last Week's Attendance & Collections

(05/13) Attendance: 48. Current \$1,221 and Benevolence \$35.

### Next Week's Readings:

May 27: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, and John 3:1-17

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

<b>05/20</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION DAY AT BOTH CHURCHES</b>
9:00 am	West worship, communion, confirmation
10:00 am	East coffee hour ( <i>served by College Fund</i> ) West coffee hour
11:00 am	East worship, communion, confirmation

**Mon.** 9:00am-noon Pastor Paul at office

**Tue.** 10:00 am 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

**Wed.** 1:30-3:30 pm Stepping-On workshop at East (*final one*)  
7:00 pm BOTH have confirmation class at West,  
ONLY 1<sup>st</sup> year students will have class (last class until fall)

**Thur.** ----- Pastor Paul's day off-work

**Fri.** 9:00am-noon Pastor Paul at office

**05/27** 9:00 am West worship NO communion at West (*due to having it the 20<sup>th</sup>*)  
10:00 am East coffee hour (*served by Circle 4*)  
West coffee hour  
11:00 am East worship

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

### MAY

**May 27 (Sun.): May 28 (Mon.):** Memorial Day observed at West - with coffee served from 7:30-11:30 am, and service at 8:15 am by the Hayfield Legion (*coffee organized by Wilma Kyllö and Cindy Senjem*)

**May 31 (Thur.):** NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY (9:10-printing, 9:30-folding, 10:00-collate/tape)

### JUNE

**June hours will be:** East at 8:30 am / West at 10:00 am... EXCEPT for a JOINT SERVICE at East June 24 at 10:00, followed by Zion Cemetery marker dedication with potluck lunch afterward.

**June 3 (Sun.):**

- Both churches have communion

**June 5 (Tue.):** JOINT COUNCIL MEETING at EAST - at 6:00 pm councils have brief separate meetings, and 7:00 pm JOINT meeting

**June 10 (Sun.):** deadline to RSVP to Sharon G. for West WELCA pizza lunch

**June 13 (Wed.):** 11:30 am West WELCA lunch outing to the Stewartville Pizza Ranch (no Bible study)

**June 17 (Sun.):**

- VBS - First night!!! (No supper)

**June 18 (Mon.):** VBS - with supper

**June 19 (Tue.):**

- NO Pastor Paul - at conference in Eden Prairie
- VBS - with supper

**June 20 (Wed.):**

- NO Pastor Paul - at conference in Eden Prairie
- VBS - with supper

**June 21 (Thur.):** VBS - with supper, closing program & tear-down

**June 24 (Sun.):** **JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 am at East,** followed by dedication of cemetery marker at Zion, then a lunch for everyone

## LIST OF LOCAL & SYNOD EVENTS

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

**June 7 (Thurs.):** 7:00 pm at Hayfield Trinity Lutheran - You are invited to "*Signs & Wonders*," a concert by the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda, East Africa. They will sing, dance and offer their testimonies as orphans and vulnerable children, who have found hope and transformation from God.

### TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**West Prayers:** Loretta Himle, Christine Krause (*sister of Susie Thoe*), Jocelyn Sanvick, Boyd Pew, Chuck Brandt (*father of Greg Brandt*), 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:** Family of Frank Exe, Maryann Schultz, Viola Olson, Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Kelly Anderson (*friend of Peterson's daughter*), Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Sharon Boelter, Cecelia Miller (*cousin of Yvette Dulohery*), Dale Boelter, Vern Exe (*father of Pete*), Kevin Kubly (*friend of Yvette Dulohery*), Bill Fritts, David Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Carol Severson, John Heydt (*Pat Nelson's brother*), and Harris Nelson (*cousin of Jerry Nelson*).

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