

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

Sunday, May 19, 2019: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

INTRODUCTION

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light – through the lens of love.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy.

We give you thanks, O God.

In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created all things, calling forth life in which you took delight.

We give you thanks, O God.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

We give you thanks, O God.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

We give you thanks, O God.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

We give you thanks, O God.

By water and the Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We give you thanks, O God.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, especially new life in Jesus Christ.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Lord, You Give the Great Commission (WOV 756)

GREETING (WOV p. 46)

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.

The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart.

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Faith comes from what is heard,

and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

SCRIPTURE SONG (WOV p. 47)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;**

sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is
exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise
for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are
near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned;
God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that
cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven,
new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 48)

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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

CREED AND CONFESSION (WOV p. 49)

PEACE (WOV p. 50)

Peace be with you.

OFFERING (WOV p. 50)

OFFERTORY (WOV p. 50)

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 (WOV p. 25)

BLESSING (WOV p. 53)

SENDING SONG *Bind Us Together* (WOV 748)

DISMISSAL (WOV p. 53)

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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.

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



EAST: has 9:00 am service

WEST: has 11:00 am service

VBS will be June 16-June 20 for BOTH at West

NOTE: Summer hours begin June 2: West-8:30 am & East-10:00 am

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairperson(s):

Heather Bamlet & Sharon Gulbransen (May)

Altar Guild: Cindy Senjem & Donna Larsen (May)

Acolytes: Ushers cover the summer months

Reader: May 19 - Todd Hovda

Ushers: Steve Arett, Scott Iverson,

Philip Senjem, and Will Laxen (May)

Deacon: May - Cindy Orning

Stewardship: May - Jeff & Susie Thoe

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Part-time Pianist/Organist Needed at East & West



Kim Jacobson Kim Jacobson has been graciously helping us out during the transition, but it was only temporary - so we need a person to fill her position

permanently on a basis of approximately one Sunday per month.

Talk to Pastor Paul, Debbie Schuck or Mike Senjem if you know of someone they should contact.

"ROAR!" VBS is coming in June! Please remember to register your children by June 3 if possible (form was in May newsletter).

Emma Jervis would like to help keep your cemetery flowers



watered this summer. She will water June through August. Cost is \$25 per cemetery plot. **Contact Emma at 365-8219 if you would like her help.**

Luncheon for Volunteers at Field Crest: Mon., May 20 at 11:30 am at the Field Crest Chapel. *Please RSVP to Deb Brown 507-477-3266 ext. 133 or email debbieb@fieldcrestcare.com*

A Memorial Day Service at West St. Olaf will be conducted by



the Hayfield American Legion at **10:25 am**. Coffee and goodies will be available starting at 8:30 am,

with free-will offering which will benefit the Hayfield American Legion. Everyone is welcome. *Co-sponsored by Thrivent.*

Attendance and Contributions

(05/12) Attendance: 66. Current \$1,437 and Benevolence \$25.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

05/19	9:00 am	East worship & communion
	11:00 am	West worship
Mon.	9:00 am-Noon	Pastor Paul at office
	4:00 pm	Deadline to submit newsletter info for the <u>combined June/July</u> issue
Wed.	7:00 pm	BOTH- Confirmation at East (<i>last class</i>)
Thur.	9:00 am-Noon	Pastor Paul at office
Fri.	-----	Pastor Paul's day off-work
Sat.	11:00 am	<u>EAST FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED</u> for the memorial service for Eric Tjepkes at East church/Zion cemetery
05/26	9:00 am	East worship
	11:00 am	West worship & communion

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

May 27 (Mon.): MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT WEST

- 8:30 am - coffee & goodies available for free-will offering that benefits the Hayfield American Legion
- 10:25 am - service by Hayfield American Legion

May 28 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/ sack lunch

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

May 31 (Fri.): 8:30 am Day 1- SYNOD ASSEMBLY at Mayo Civic JUNE

June 1 (Sat.): 8:30 am Day 2- SYNOD ASSEMBLY at Mayo Civic

June 2 (Sun.):

- East Graduate Recognition
- Both churches have communion

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Darcy McGowan, Sylvia Torstenson, Dennis Waskosky (*father of Karen Hanson*), Kelly Keckhafer, Boyd Pew, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Joanne Larsen (*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Gene Hyland, Robert Beaver, Danny Linbo, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson and Julie Boyum*).

East Prayers: Royce (*Jenny Schwanke's son*), Ashley (Pyfferoen) Hunzeker, Sylvia Torstenson, Dawn Otteson (*friend of Distad's*), Dean Andreason, Paula Ferdinandt-Rud, Emily Nagel (*girlfriend of Schultz's grandson*), Braxton Raymond (*nephew of Shannon Meier*), Maryann Schultz, Viola Olson, Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Sharon Boelter, Dale Boelter, Bill Fritts, David Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

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Office Hours: Tues. & Thursdays 10:00 am-Noon

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OUR JANITORIAL SERVICE: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

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