

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue - Hayfield, MN

Christmas Hymn Sing ~ Service by Lay Leader
Sunday, December 30, 2018

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Kim Jacobson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Amidst the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin and
welcome the light of God's forgiveness.

Silence for individual reflection

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Christ,

Forgive our lack of faith and trust in your will.

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable,

Forgive our neglect of the poor.

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

The magi followed the star to find the Savior of the nations.

Forgive our reluctance to seek you with all our hearts.

The angel said, "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. With great joy I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Let us pray.

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 2:18-24, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen robe. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD; and then they would return to their home.

²¹And the LORD took note of Hannah; she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.

²²Now Eli was very old. He heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ²³He said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all these people. ²⁴No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear the people of the LORD spreading abroad... But they would not listen to the voice of their father; for it was the will of the LORD to kill them.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Let us pray.

You called Samuel while he was still a child, and he served you with a pure heart. Bless our children, that they may also serve you as they are able. May we all, of every age put our hands, hearts, and minds to your service. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you;

²⁵the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;

²⁶the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites,
and I will bless them.”

Let us pray. **Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN

PSALM 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever;

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

THIRD LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Let us pray. **We give you thanks for choosing us to be your own, and clothing us in all good things. Help us to live patiently with one another, and go forth from this place to be fountains of good things for all we encounter. Amen.**

HYMN

GOSPEL Luke 2:41-52

Now every year *Jesus and* his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to

search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Let us pray.

Heavenly God, you call us to your house, and teach us with wisdom that exceeds all wisdom on earth. Increase us also in wisdom, that we may also increase in favor among the peoples, and in your eyes. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you, and scatter the darkness from your path. Almighty Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

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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.

JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (Same as Dec.)



EAST: has early service at 9:00 am

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

WEST: has late service at 11:00 am

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairperson(s): Carma Bjornson & Aloma Eastlee (Dec.)

Altar Guild: Wilma Kyllö & Cindy Senjem (Dec.)

Acolytes: Ushers cover until schedule developed

Reader: Service being done by West Deacons (Dec. 30)

Ushers: Steve Arett, Scott Iverson, Philip Senjem, and Will Laxen (Dec.)

Deacon: Carma Bjornson (Dec.)

Stewardship: Wilma Kyllö (Dec.)

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS



To verify if there is a cancellation for a church service or church activity, **please check:** **KTTC TV (channel 10), or online at www.kttc.com** and click on the tab for **WEATHER** - then click on *Closings and Delays* or check parsonage answering machine 365-8222. Decisions made by council presidents/pastor.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION to Pastor Paul & Jana's Home!

You're Invited! Everyone is invited to Pastor Paul & Jana's for an Open House **Sunday, January 6 from 2-5 pm.** We will be showing pictures from our European trip. Stop by at whatever time works for you and enjoy snacks and good conversation. We'd love to have you can join us! *NOTE: If bad weather, then it will be held on Jan. 13 from 2 -5:00 pm instead.*

Holy First Communion Rescheduled at West St. Olaf

Holy First Communion has been rescheduled to Sun., January 6 (due to cancellation of the service because of snow on the original date).

ATTENTION, WEST WOMEN!

New Year... DIFFERENT Style of Bible Study



In January, we'll begin a totally different way to study the Bible at our monthly WELCA meetings. It's called "*Twelve Women of the Bible*". We will look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve biblical women and what they mean for your life today. Our January lesson is "*Eve: Finding Lasting Contentment in the Truth*". First, we'll watch the DVD, then Gloria Brown will be the moderator for our discussion. There is no

advance preparation, no study book- so just come with an open mind and invite a friend too!

West Women's Craft Nights: Want to Join Us? It's Fun!



When/Where: On Thurs., Jan. 10 at the chapel.

What to bring: A snack to share - plus supplies.

We'll only have the craft night if four or more women will attend... bring a friend if you wish. RSVP to either the West St. Olaf Ladies Craft Night page on Facebook or to our personal e-mail addresses so we know how many are attending.

Donna - dmlarsen73@yahoo.com or Laura - laret78@gmail.com

JANUARY 10: Cindy Senjem will provide the craft for that night with hand made jewelery. We will pay her for the supplies we use. This was a big hit last year so come join the fun and create a one-of-a-kind piece.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

12/30 Worship service will be by lay-leaders. (Pastor Paul vac.)
9:00 am East worship: by lay leader
East coffee (___? Open week)
NO West JAM/East SS or TLC (school break)
11:00 am West worship: by lay leader

Mon. 9:00am-Noon Pastor Paul at office

Tues. OFFICE CLOSED: Happy New Year!
NO quilting at East

Wed. NO class for confirmation (school break)

Thur. 9:00 am-Noon Pastor Paul at office
Gina returns to office

Fri. ----- Pastor Paul's day off-work

01/06 9:00 am East worship & communion
East WELCA meeting after church
10:00 am West JAM, East SS & TLC resume
11:00 am West worship & First Holy Communion
West: July-Dec Erdman's tapes due

2-5:00 pm **OPEN HOUSE at Pastor Paul and Jana's home...** Come for snacks, good company & European slide show! If bad weather, then it will be held on Jan. 13 from 2 -5:00 pm instead.

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

JANUARY:

Jan 8 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/Sack lunch

Jan. 9 (Wed.):

- 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
 - 1:00 pm West WELCA meeting - Hostess: Jan Nordland, Bible Study: "Eve" Gloria Brown-Moderator
 - 7:00 pm BOTH-Confirmation at EAST church
- Jan. 10 (Thur.):** 6:00-8pm West women's craft night (bring snack)
- Jan. 14 (Mon.):** 7:00 pm West council meeting

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Russ Skov, Kelly Keckhafer, Ardean Bjornson, 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:** Richard Myhre (brother of Tom Myhre Sr.), Dean Andreason, Paula Ferdinandt-Rud, Emily Nagel (girlfriend of Schultz'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, 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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OUR JANITORIAL SERVICE: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

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