

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

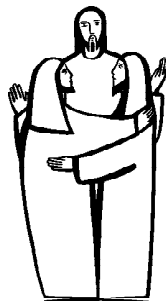
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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Baptism

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Gloria Pew



INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(LBW p. 56)

GATHERING HYMN *Praise the Lord! O Heavens* (LBW 540)

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. . .

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

The First Lesson is from the 38th chapter of Job.

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul;

O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

²**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

³You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of
the wind.

**⁴You make the winds your messengers
and flames of fire your servants.**

⁵You have set the earth upon its foundations,
so that it never shall move at any time.

**⁶You covered it with the deep as with a mantle;
the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

⁷At your rebuke they fled;
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

**⁸They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath,
to the places you had appointed for them.**

⁹You set the limits that they should not pass;
they shall not again cover the earth.

**²⁵O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

³⁷Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:1-10

The Second Lesson is from the 5th chapter of Hebrews.

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE (LBW p. 62)

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Borning Cry* (WOV 770)

PRESENTATION

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

I present Ethan Peter Estby to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

In Christian love you have presented *this child* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *him* to the services of God's house, and teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As *he grows* in years, you should place in *his* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *his* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of *his* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *he* may lead a *godly life* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

I do.

THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 122)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into

the freedom of the Promised Land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *those who are* here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of *all those who are* cleansed by this water and bring *them* forth as *inheritors* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

PROFESSION OF FAITH (LBW p. 123)

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.*

BAPTISM (LBW p. 123)

Ethan Peter, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Ethan*: 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.

Amen

Ethan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *father* and *mother* of *this child*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *child*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *child* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

WELCOME (LBW p. 124)

Through Baptism God has made *this* new *brother* a *member* of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

PEACE (LBW p. 125)

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

OFFERING (LBW p. 75)

THE PRAYERS

Each petition of the prayer will end: Lord in your mercy,
Please respond with: **Hear our prayer.** [At ending: **Amen.**]

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (LBW 259)

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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.

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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): Marilyn Skov & Ginny Hyland (Oct.)

Altar Guild: Jane Estby & Sheryl Wohlers (Oct.)

Acolytes: Usher's cover until schedule developed

Reader: McCayla Thoe (Oct. 21)

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

Deacon: Nancy Gulbransen (Oct.)

Stewardship: Margaret Senjem (Oct.)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacrament of Holy Baptism Today



Ethan Peter Estby will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today, Oct. 21, 2018 at West St. Olaf. His parents are Hans & Breanna Estby. His sponsors are Taylor Swenson and Heidi Sellers. God bless baby Ethan.

You're Invited to a Birthday Open House TODAY!



Everyone is invited to the Open House 80th Birthday Celebration for Barb Nord today from 12:30- 3:30 pm at West chapel.

West Women: It's Time to Think about Advent by Candlelight



Advent by Candlelight will be Sun., December 2. Although it seems early, time passes so quickly that we need to be thinking about this upcoming event. Anyone who wishes to host a table or serve on the food committee, please contact Sharon at 365-8669. There'll be a signup sheet in the church at a later date for those wishing to attend. Please consider being a part of this event. We'd love to have you join us for this special evening!

EAST ST. OLAF LUTEFISK & MEATBALLS ~ NOVEMBER 2



Everyone is invited to come enjoy a wonderful meal and great fellowship **Fri., November 2, 2018** at East St. Olaf's Lutefisk & Meatball lunch or supper! *Menu, cost, and meal times for supper are the same as last year.* Lunch is served on a walk-in basis... but RESERVATIONS REQUIRED for the supper hour (take-out meals also available all day). Baked goods and beautifully sewn or quilted items available to purchase. **CALL DIANE SEVERSON to make your SUPPER RESERVATIONS at 507-365-8017.** See poster on our website "Parish Bulletin Board" or on our church bulletin boards.

Lutheran Disaster Response to Hurricane Michael

Hurricane Michael produced severe damage on the Gulf Coast. Lutheran Disaster Response is ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from this storm. Your gifts ensure that we will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or have been otherwise affected by Hurricane Michael. *Your gifts designated for Hurricane response will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete.*

- **Give by mail:** Make check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Hurricane response" on check's memo line.
- **Give by phone:** 800-638-3522
- **Give online:** <https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief>

Last Week's Attendance & Contributions

(10/14) Attendance: 53. Current \$1,307.50, Benevolence \$225.

Next Week's Readings: OCT. 28: First Reading Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52 .

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

10/21 9:00 am East worship & communion
 10:00 am BOTH: JAM/East Sunday school & TLC
 11:00 am West worship & baptism of Ethan Estby
 >>>> 12:30-3:30 pm Open house birthday celebration for Barb Nord at West Chapel - Everyone welcome!

Mon. 9:00-noon Pastor Paul at office
Tue: 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
Wed. 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at East
Thur. 9:00-noon Pastor Paul at office
Fri. ----- Pastor Paul's day off-work
10/28 9:00 am East worship
 10:00 am BOTH: JAM/East Sunday school & TLC
 11:00 am West worship & communion

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

OCTOBER:

Oct. 30 (Tue.):

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

Oct. 31 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at East

NOVEMBER: Worship times: West-9:00 am / East-11:00 am

Nov. 2 (Fri.): EAST LUTEFISK & MEATBALL Lunch or Supper!!

Nov. 3 (Sat.):

- Theological Conference
- Set clocks BACK one hour before bedtime (*DST ends*)

Nov. 4 (Sun): DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

- BOTH have communion Rev. Ann Siverling (*Pastor Paul gone to anniversary celebration at former church*)
- 1:30 pm West has Field Crest worship (5 doz. cookies)

Nov. 7 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH - Confirmation class at West

Nov. 8 (Thur.): 6-8:00 pm West women's craft night at chapel

LIST OF LOCAL & SYNOD EVENTS

See bulletin boards for any posters about these events

Oct. 25 (Thur.): Norwegian Lutefisk Dinner & Bake Sale at St. John's Lutheran of Kasson, MN. SEE POSTER for info.

Nov. 3 (Sat.): 9:30 am Resounding Voices Choir at Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Rochester - *Benefits those with dementia.*

Nov. 6 (Tue.): 5-7:00 pm Hayfield Area Library's Spaghetti Supper at Hayfield American Legion.

Nov. 7 (Wed.): Lutefisk & Meatball OR Meatball Only Buffet at Little Cedar Lutheran Church of Adams, MN

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Christine Krause (*sister of Susie Thoe*), 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: Emily Nagel (*girlfriend of Shultz'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, Kelly Anderson (*friend of Peterson's daughter*), Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Sharon Boelter, Dale Boelter, Cecelia Miller (*cousin of Yvette*), Kevin Kubly (*friend of Yvette*), Bill Fritts, David Distad, Patricia Lee, Sally Iverson, Roland Rivera, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*Pat Nelson's brother*).

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