

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

First Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Pastor Paul Thompson Accompanist: Shannon Meier



## INTRODUCTION

*On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (ELW 504)

### GREETING

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.**

### KYRIE (ELW p. 203)

*Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.  
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.  
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from Genesis.

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from 1 Peter.

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at

the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)**

*We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind—slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.*

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, Still Lead On* (ELW 624)**

**CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. For all who preach, teach, and inspire your people to lives of service. Renew your church in ministry, mission, and compassion. Unite us in faith, and uphold us in the promises of baptism. Today we pray for these synod churches: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Red Wing ~ Trinity Lutheran Church, Ostrander ~ First Lutheran Church, Glenville ~ Concordia Lutheran Church of Pickerel Lake, Albert Lea ~ Marshall Lutheran Church, Adams ~ Issuna Lutheran Church, Tanzania ~ and El Salvador Lutheran Church, Colombia. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For the well-being of both our own surroundings and of distant places. For favorable weather and sustaining rains. For creatures awakening from hibernation or

beginning seasonal migrations. Provide safe habitats and abundant food for all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. For all who govern or hold positions of authority. For those who work to make their communities safe from violence. Protect all who place themselves in danger to save others from harm. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For those moving to new communities. For individuals who are incarcerated or recently released from prison. For those who are abused or neglected, for the lonely, and for those who are ill *especially*...

East Prayers: Steve Jensen, Julie A., Kelly A, Maryann, Heidi G., Dianne, Sharon, Cecelia, Dale, Vern, Kevin K., Bill, David, Patricia, Sally, Roland, Carol, John, and Harris.

West Prayers: Baby Edwen Horejsi, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Boyd P., Francis B., Al E., Joanne L., Joann T., Gene H., Robert, Danny, Veronica, Philip, and Matt Miller. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For musicians, artists, and poets who help us envision your love through word, image, and song. For those who have faced exclusion or felt forgotten. For all who reach out in love and welcome. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially Martin Luther*). As they receive the fulfillment of your promises made to them in baptism, sustain us in the hope of resurrection life with you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* (ELW p. 190)

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING: DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (ELW p. 207)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 207)**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191)**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (ELW 623)  
O Master, Let Me Walk with You (ELW 818)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
**Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger  
for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song  
of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW 618)***

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**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.

### FEBRUARY WORSHIP HOURS



**EAST:** Has early service at 9:00 am  
**BOTH:** 10:00 am West JAM/East SS & TLC group  
**WEST:** Has late service at 11:00 am

### THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**Altar Guild:** Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

**February:** Deanna Bakken & Gena Cahill

**March:** Marilyn Carlson & Audrey Carlson

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Member's Sunday

We are hoping to have a New Member's Sunday soon. If you have visited East/West, and are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Pastor Paul at (507)273-5804, [pthomp821@gmail.com](mailto:pthomp821@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you!



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### Offering

(02/11). Current \$1,826 and SG Window \$10.

**Next Week's Readings:** Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, and Mark 8:31-38

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

<b>2/18</b>	9:00 am:	EAST worship & communion... and East WELCA supplies cookies-Season's Hospice
	10:00 am	West JAM and East SS/TLC East coffee hour (College Fund serving) West coffee hour
	11:00 am:	West worship
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00am-noon	Pastor Paul at office
<b>Tue.</b>	10:00 am	East Circle 4 meeting/Bible Study... then quilting/sack lunch
<b>Wed.</b>		BOTH at EAST: 6:00 pm soup supper (East TLC group serving) 7:00 pm Lenten service
<b>Thur.</b>	-----	Pastor Paul's day off-work
<b>Fri.</b>	9:00-noon	Pastor Paul at office
<b>2/25</b>	9:00 am:	EAST worship
	10:00 am	West JAM and East SS/TLC East coffee hour (Circle 4 serving) West coffee hour
	11:00 am:	West worship & communion

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

### FEBRUARY:

**Feb. 27 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

**Feb. 28 (Wed.):** BOTH at WEST - 6:00 pm soup supper and 7:00 pm Lenten service

### MARCH:

*West has 9:00 early service // East has 11:00 late service*

BOTH at 10:00: coffee hour & JAM/East SS & TLC

**Mar. 4 (Sun.):**

- BOTH have communion
- East WELCA meeting right after church

**Mar. 6 (Tue.)** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

**Mar. 7 (Wed.)** BOTH at East - LENT

6:00 pm soup supper (East TLC group serving), and

7:00 pm Lenten service

## LIST OF LOCAL & SYNOD EVENTS

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

### “How to Talk Minnesotan” at Mantorville Theater

A musical at Mantorville that sounds like a lot of fun! FEBRUARY 9 – 25, 2018: Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm /Sundays at 2:00 pm \$23 Adults. \$21 Senior, students, groups of more than ten, and Mayo employess. Tickets available at [www.mantorvillian.com](http://www.mantorvillian.com), the Chocolate Shoppe in Mantorville, or at the door (if available).

### “Kingdom Tales” – Theater for the Thirsty at KUMC

You’ve seen them at the Devoted Hearts Conference, and laughed with them at other Christ-based events! The Kasson United Methodist Women, invite your congregation to join us Sun., March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm for a *Kingdom Tale* which is a 2 person, musical comedy about an unlikely queen – the story of Esther. *No charge - FREE to the community.*

## TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**East Prayers:** Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Kelly Anderson (*friend of Peterson’s daughter*), Maryann Schultz, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Dianne Kearns, Sharon Boelter, Cecelia Miller (*cousin of Yvette Dulohery*), Dale Boelter, Vern Exe (*Pete’s father*), 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 (*Jerry Nelson’s cousin*).

**West Prayers:** Baby Edwen Horejsi, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Boyd Pew, Francis Bungum, Al Eastlee, Joanne Larsen

(*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Gene Hyland, Robert Beaver, Danny Linbo, Veronica Riniker (*mother of Donna Larsen*), and Philip Senjem. **Long Term Need for Prayers:** Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson and Julie Boyum*).

## WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATION INFO



To verify if there is a cancelation for a church service or church activity, **please check the following sources:** **KTTC TV, KROC AM 1340 radio, the parsonage answering machine 365-8222 or Facebook** (*if you’re a Facebook user, please find “East & West St. Olaf” and friend us*). Decisions are made by church council presidents with the pastor.

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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:

### East St. Olaf

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## VISITS FOR OUR MEMBERS

If you know of anyone who may like a call or visit from the pastor or another member, please contact an East deacon: Rhonda Leighty: 365-8047, Sonya Mansfield: 365-8663 or Glenda Mueller: 696-5753.

## HEALTH NOTE FOR THIS WEEK

**February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.** 1 in 3 teens living in the US will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse in a relationship before they become adults. 1.5 million high school students experience physical abuse during dating, with 43% of dating college women reporting they have experienced abusive or violent dating. It is important for us to acknowledge that love is respect, and the 2018 theme is “Hands Unite: Do Your Part” as all of us can help identify respectful behaviors and expectations to help stop dating and relationship abuse and violence. *75% of parents have never spoken to their children about domestic violence, and often children are unaware that abuse or the threat of abuse is wrong. This includes verbal, emotional, physical, sexual, and digital abuse.* The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence has been urging us to Break the Cycle for the last 10 years, including the Love is Not Abuse Campaign, however many families have not been aware of these major issues. With the recent awareness of sexual abuse by a gymnastics team physician on children as young as 6, the issues of victimization due to innocence and trust have shocked our nation. We all need to expect and provide respect in any relationship. This starts with respect, awareness of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors, setting boundaries, and open communication with parents. Let’s all do our part to help reduce domestic violence. Different types of dating abuse are available at <http://www.loveisrespect.org/is-this-abuse/types-of-abuse/> See: <http://www.loveisrespect.org/teendvmonth/> and <https://nrcdv.org/dvam/tdvam>