

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

January 23, 2022 ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

INTRODUCTION: *God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray. **Almighty God, you see into our hearts, and know all we say and do. By your grace, cleanse us through and through, that we may be made new, and worship you with all our might.**

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

Let us pray. God of the nations,

In baptism you anoint us to be your holy people in the world, yet we have not been faithful to you. We have not loved and accepted one another. We have not reached out to the poor, hungry, or lost. Forgive us, and fill us with your light, that we may delight in your goodness and serve you with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Christ the grace and mercy of God are revealed; in Christ your sins are forgiven. Walk then as children of the light.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

V. 1-3 *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky* (ELW 301)

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. 138)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the LORD is your strength."

A reading from Nehemiah 8.

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read

from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their
message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to
the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives
light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and
righteous altogether.

10More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

12Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

13Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

A reading from 1st Corinthians 12.

12For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15**If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16**And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17**If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? **18**But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. **19**If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20**As it is, there are many members, yet one body. **21**The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of

you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was

given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogues were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY.

V. 4-6 *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky* (ELW 301)

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 144)

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

*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.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *What Feast of Love* (ELW 487)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (WOV 651)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine!

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING!



If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

OFFERING: You may place your offering into the offering plate as you leave (*no offering plates are passed, due to Covid*).

JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:



WEST 9:00 am Worship for the rest of January

BOTH 10:00 am West Jam, East SS, (*West coffee*)

EAST: 9:00 today... and 11:00 am on Jan. 30 (*coffee after church*)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

EAST Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Jan. – Deanna Bakken

Deacon: Jan. – Jane Williams

Reader: Jan. 23 – Pete Exe

East Acolytes: Ushers are covering

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for bulletin information – Wednesdays by 7:30 pm.

Submit any newsletter info by about the 20th of each month.

First Holy Communion Classes: Classes will be at WEST. They will take place on February 6, 13, and 20 – students should attend all sessions (time to be determined). *The Rite of First Holy Communion will take place on March 6 – that service will be at*

Good Earth Village: Summer Camps 2022: We are JOYfully planning for traditional summer camp: overnight youth camp, day camps, and intergenerational camps. Check out our website <http://goodearthvillage.org/summer> for camp descriptions, dates,

and pricing. *The office is open for phone calls from 9:00AM - 3:00PM on Monday-Thurs. with any registration questions. 507-346-2494*

Contributions

(01/16) Current \$2,120, Education Aid \$167, and Sunday School \$118.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>East Worship/Comm, then EAST ANNUAL MEETING, NO potluck</u>
	<u>9:00 am</u>	West service/communion, <i>w/pulpit Rev. Wayne Vogt</i>
	10:00 am	West JAM/East Sunday school
Jan. 24 (Mon.)	9:00-noon	Pastor at office
Jan. 25 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Jan. 26 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	BOTH confirmation at West
Jan. 27 (Thu.)	9-noon	Pastor at office
	-----	<u>NEWSLETTER VOLUNTER DAY</u> (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:45-collate)
Jan. 28 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off
Jan. 30 (Sun.)	9:00 am	West Worship (<i>this is also the backup date, <u>if needed</u> - for West annual meeting</i>)
	10:00 am	West JAM/East Sunday school
	11:00 am	East Worship... <u>then East SS serves coffee today</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Jan. 31 (Mon.)	9:00-noon	Pastor at office
Feb. 1 (Tue.)	6:00 pm	<u>East council meeting</u>
Feb. 2 (Wed.)	7:00 BOTH	Confirmation class at West
Feb. 3 (Thu.)	9:00-Noon	Pastor at office
Feb. 4 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day-off
Feb. 6 (Sun.)	9:00 am	East worship/communion
	10:00 am	West JAM, East SS
_____		Class for 1 st Communion at West (Time TBD)

11:00 am West worship/communion, Officer Installation

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Dawn Hugeback, Alan Bourquin (*brother of Glenda Mueller*), Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Keith Roeder (*Paul Jordan was his father-in-law*), Tom Gard (*relative of Becky Brakke*) Jill Winkels, John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Bill Fritts, Peggy Andreason, Maryann Schultz, Sylvia Torstenson, Viola Olson, Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Dale Boelter, David Distad, Sally Iverson, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*). **West Prayers:** Dawn Hugeback, Ardean Bjornson, Martha Beaver, Ron Dolezan (*Heather Bamlet's dad*), Marian Larson, Diane Himle, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Boyd Pew, Joann Tiegen, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*). Those serving in our military: Erika Smith - (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*), and Tully Hovda (*son of Todd & Cathy Hodva*).

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