

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

May 28, 2023: Day of Pentecost

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INTRODUCTION: *Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

READING FOR PENTECOST

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and the young shall see visions, and the old shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Let us pray, Most Holy God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your apostles, grant us the strength to prophesy, young, old, male, female, mighty or humble; to tell your truth to this world.

Amen.

PENTECOST LITANY

God of rushing wind, coming and going to where you will,

Pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of fire, flaring on the disciples and burning away their stubborn pride,

Pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of miraculous speaking and hearing,

Pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of the young who see visions,

Let their visions be of hope.

God of the old who dream dreams,

Let their dreams be of truth.

God of the prophets, both men and women,

Let their words be of love.

God of wonders above, the signs below, of fire and billowing smoke,

Open our eyes to your glory.

God of wind and fire and tongues,

Open our ears to your glory.

God of visions and dreams and prophecies,

Open our minds to your truth.

Let us pray.

GATHERING SONG America the Beautiful (ELW 888)

GREETING (ELW p. 184)

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. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 188)

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:24-30

A reading from Numbers, chapter 11:

The spirit of God rested upon seventy elders in Israel who had been chosen to share the burden of leadership with Moses. When some became jealous that two others also had the spirit and could prophesy, Moses said that he hoped that all of God's people would be prophets.

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud

and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;**

I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

A reading from 1st Corinthians, chapter 12:

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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. ¹³For 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Country, 'Tis of Thee (LBW 566)

*[1] My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside
Let freedom ring!*

*[2] My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
like that above.*

*[3] Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees - sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake;*

*Let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.*

*[4] Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
to thee we sing:*

*Long may our land be bright
With Freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our king.*

My Country, 'tis of Thee LBW 566

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CREED (ELW p. 189)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ,

**God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

OFFERING (ELW p. 190)

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 190)

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

**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 (ELW p. 192)

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

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (ELW #890)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Blest by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

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WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:



If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (in narthex).
Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

JUNE WORSHIP TIMES (Summer Hours Begin!)

WEST 8:30 am Worship/Coffee before church 10am

EAST 10:00 am Worship/East coffee after church

BOTH will have communion on 1st & 4th Sundays



JUNE 18 at 10:00am for BOTH: JOINT Worship at

WEST for BOTH churches, *with coffee and fellowship after the service, being provided by the St. Olaf Heritage Association.*

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: May – Deanna Bakken

Deacon: May - Lori Peterson

Reader/Helpers: May 28 – Reader: Mike Senjem

East Acolytes: If none listed, then ushers are covering

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAST CIRCLE 4 MEETING will be Saturday, June 10, at the church at 10:00 am. We hope you can join us.

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH (but on June 11)

Everyone is welcome to join us in honoring father's with a lunch after church on June 11.

JUNE BAKING DAY - SAVE THE DATE!

Everyone is invited to come and help make lefse at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 24 (*we will sell it at our Nov. 4th Baked Goods & Quilting Sale*).

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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

TODAY	9:00 am	East Worship
	11:00 am	West Worship/ <u>Communion</u>
Monday	-----	<u>Office Closed – Memorial Day</u>
	9am-Noon	West Memorial Day coffee served
	10:25 am	West Memorial Day Service by <i>the Hayfield Legion</i>
Tuesday	-----	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)
	10:00 am	East quilting/ sack lunch
	3:00 pm	Pastor – Field Crest Worship
Wednesday	1:00 pm	<u>WEST RESERVED</u> for the funeral of Elsa Louise (Mohn) Stazesky (<i>no visitation before service, no luncheon afterward</i>)
Thursday	9-noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor’s day off-work
Sun. (06/04)		<u>SUMMERTIME WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN!</u>
	8:30 am	West Worship/ <u>Communion</u>
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:00 am	East Worship/ <u>Communion</u> <i>East coffee always after church</i>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

BOTH will have communion on 1st and 4th Sundays in summer

June 5 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

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

June 8 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office (*but 10am Kasson*)

ministerial meeting)
June 9 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work
June 10 (Sat.):10:00 am EAST Circle 4 meeting at church
June 11 (Sun.): 8:30 am West Worship
 9:30 am *West coffee*
 10:00 am East Worship
 11:00 am East Father's Day Lunch
 (This is 1 week before Father's Day)
Jun 12 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 >>>> JOINT COUNCIL Mtg @ WEST
 6:00 separate council meetings
 7:00 pm joint council meeting
June 13 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
June 14 (Wed.): 11:30 am WEST WELCA has lunch
 at Stewartville Pizza Ranch
 (Men are welcome too!)
June 15 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
June 16 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work
June 18 (Sun.): 10:00 am BOTH: Joint worship service at
 WEST church – *with refreshments*
 served afterward, by the St. Olaf
 Heritage Association
June 19 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
June 20 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
June 22 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
June 23 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work
June 24 (Sat.):10:00 am East BAKING DAY – Making
 lefse, all are invited to help

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Alan Hovey, Jean (*Sandy Dahle's daughter*),
 Verla Holtan (*friend of Marylin Carlson*), Dawn Hugeback,
 Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Keith Roeder (*Paul*
Jordan was his father-in-law), Dalton Mansfield (*currently serving*
aboard ship), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Bill Fritts, Sylvia
 Torstenson, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), David
 Distad, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

West Prayers: The family of Theodore Perry (*father of Cindy Senjem*), Madeline Kingsbury and her loved ones (*she is the Winona missing woman*), Rick Boyum, Karen Hanson, Gloria Pew, Loretta Himle, Gloria Brown, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugelback, Martha Beaver, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Boyd Pew, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*). **Those serving in our military:** Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland – deployed overseas*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*), and Tully Hovda (*son of Todd & Cathy Hovda*).

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EAST: VISITS FOR OUR MEMBERS

If you know of anyone who may like a call or visit from Pastor Paul or from another member, please contact an East deacon: Jane Williams: 507-271-2272.