

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

Sunday, May 26, 2019: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

INTRODUCTION

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy.

We give you thanks, O God.

In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created all things, calling forth life in which you took delight.

We give you thanks, O God.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

We give you thanks, O God.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

We give you thanks, O God.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

We give you thanks, O God.

By water and the Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We give you thanks, O God.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, especially new life in Jesus Christ. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Lord, You Give the Great Commission (WOV 756)

GREETING (WOV p. 46)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

And also with you.

The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart.

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Faith comes from what is heard,

and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

(Romans 10)

SCRIPTURE SONG (WOV p. 47)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the
peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

A reading from Revelation.

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 48)

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

SERMON

HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* (WOV 752)

CREED AND CONFESSION (WOV p. 49)

PEACE (WOV p. 50)
Peace be with you.

OFFERING (WOV p. 50)

OFFERTORY (WOV p. 50)

THE PRAYERS

Each petition of the prayer will end: Hear us, O God,
Please respond with: **Your Mercy is great.** [At ending: **Amen.**]

LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 25)

BLESSING (WOV p. 53)

SENDING SONG *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: Battle Hymn of the Republic* (ELW 890)

DISMISSAL (WOV p. 53)

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.

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE



WEST: has 8:30 am service
EAST: has 10:00 am service
VBS will be June 16-June 20 for BOTH at West

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: May - Rita Distad

June - Dawn Evjen & Amy Jorgenson

East Reader: May 26 - Meghan Ohman

East Deacon: May - Glenda Mueller

June - Pat Cahill

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Part-time Pianist/Organist Needed at East & West: Kim Jacobson



has been graciously helping us out during the transition, but it was only temporary - so we need a person to fill her position permanently on a basis of approximately one Sunday per month. Talk to Pastor Paul, Debbie Schuck or Mike Senjem if you know of someone they should contact.

Honoring Our Graduates: East Graduate Recognition will be on



Sun., June 2. Congratulations along with God's blessing and guidance to this year's graduates: Aaron Stewart and Adam Watson.

Emma Jervis would like to help keep your cemetery flowers



watered this summer. She will water June through August. Cost is \$25 per cemetery plot. **Contact Emma at 365-8219 if you would like her help.**

Attendance and Contributions

(05/12) Attendance: 42. Current \$3,267 and SG Window \$53.
(05/19) Attendance: 36. Current \$1,046, Benevolence \$50, and SG Window \$5.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

05/26 9:00 am East worship
East coffee (*Circle 4*)
11:00 am West worship & communion
Mon. 9:00 am-Noon Office closed for holiday
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT WEST
8:30 am Coffee & goodies available for free-will offering that benefits the Hayfield Legion

10:25 am Service by Hayfield Legion at WEST
Tue. 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
Thur. 9:00 am-Noon Pastor Paul at office
NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY at office
(9:10-print, 9:30-fold, and 10:00-collate)
Fri. 8:30 am Day 1- SYNOD ASSEMBLY at Mayo Civic
Sat. 8:30 am Day 2- SYNOD ASSEMBLY at Mayo Civic
06/02 8:30 am West worship & communion
10:00 am East worship & communion with
Graduate Recognition coffee after service

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

June 4 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

June 9 (Sun.):

- Pastor Paul on vacation
- BOTH - Worship with Pastor Ann Siverling

June 10 (Mon.): JOINT COUNCIL meeting at West church

- 6:00 pm – separate council meetings
- 7:00 pm – joint meeting begins

June 11 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Royce (*Jenny Schwanke's son*), Ashley (Pyfferoen) Hunzeker, Sylvia Torstenson, Dawn Otteson (*friend of Distad's*), Dean Andreason, Paula Ferdinandt-Rud, Emily Nagel (*girlfriend of Schultz's grandson*), Braxton Raymond (*nephew of Shannon Meier*), Maryann Schultz, 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*). **West Prayers:** Darcy McGowan, Sylvia Torstenson, Dennis Waskosky (*father of Karen Hanson*), Kelly Keckhafer, Boyd Pew, Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma Bjornson*), Joanne Larsen (*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Gene Hyland, Robert Beaver, Danny Linbo, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson and Julie Boyum*).

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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:

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Glenda Mueller: 696-5753.