

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

July 25, 2021: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Jim Rushton      Organist: Pat Nelson

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

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.  
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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** *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult* (ELW 696)

**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!*

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (ELW p. 204)

*Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you;  
here on earth our songs we raise.  
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior,  
you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us;  
now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;  
in your promise firm we stand.  
Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

*Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.*

A reading from 2 Kings.

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**<sup>17</sup>You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21**

A reading from Ephesians.

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL VERSE (ELW hymn 835 vs. 1)**

*All Creatures Worship God Most High!*

*Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Sing, brother sun in splendor bright;*

*Sing Sister moon and stars of night:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL: John 6:1-21**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Break Now the Bread of Life* (ELW 515)

**CREED**

**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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers  
for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for the church. Bless the...

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the  
promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (ELW 886)

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**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*).

**AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



**WEST 8:30 am** worship/then coffee hour

**EAST 10:00 am** worship/then coffee hour

**PLUS two Joint Worship Services in August:**

**Joint Worship August 8 at EAST at 10:00 am**

**Joint Worship August 29 at WEST at 10:00 am**

**THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US**

*Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild*

**Altar Guild:** July – Darlene Myhre & Sonya Mansfield

**Deacon:** July – Jane Williams

**East Reader:** July 25 - Reader: Jane Williams

**East Acolytes:** Ushers are covering

# TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Submit any newsletter info by the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR PASTORAL NEEDS



Pastor Paul is still on vacation until tomorrow, so FOR EMERGENCY PASTORAL NEEDS please call Pastor Paul Hauschild of Trinity Lutheran, Hayfield: 507-259-4645.

**Join Pastor Paul & Jana Thompson in Celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary ~ Everyone is Invited!**



This Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 pm until?

430 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Byron, MN

They request only your presence - Please no gifts!

*Hosted by their children Kimberly & Erica Thompson.*

## 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration for Marvin Viker

On Sun., August 1, there will be a coffee hour at South Zumbro Lutheran Church at 10:00 am. We hope you can join us in giving Marvin a memorable 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday! NO gifts, please.

## SAVE THE DATE: Youth Quilting Day at East St Olaf

Tuesday, August 17 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM

*Children 10-18 can be dropped off and picked up at church.*

*Supervision and extra hands required for those 9 and younger.*

Lunch provided – “build your own sub sandwich”, fruit, chips, & dessert. Make a fun project for yourself or loved one. All materials provided; all sewing is guided! Questions? Call Peggy Andreason at 365-8201.

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	<u>Pulpit Supply</u>	Rev. Jim Rushton
	8:30 am	East worship – <i>then coffee hour</i>
	9:00 am	<i>West coffee hour</i>
	10:00 am	West worship/communion
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Wed.</b>	7:30 pm	Deadline to submit bulletin info
<b>Thu.</b>	9:00 am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Fri.</b>	_____	Pastor's day off-work



<b>Sat.</b>	3:00 pm- ?	<b><u>Open House</u></b> at Pastor Paul & Jana's for their 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary! <u>At 430 12<sup>th</sup> St. N, Byron, MN</u>
<b>08/01</b>	8:30 am	West worship/comm.- then coffee
	10:00 am	East worship/comm.- then coffee
	10:00 am	103 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday Coffee <u>at South</u> <u>Zumbro Luth.:</u> Marvin Viker- <i>No gifts</i>

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

<b>Aug. 2- Mon.</b>	9:00 am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Aug. 3- Tue.</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>East church council meeting</u>
<b>Aug. 4- Wed.</b>	7:30 pm	Deadline for bulletin info
<b>Aug. 5- Thu.</b>	9:00 am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Aug. 6- Fri.</b>	-----	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Aug. 8- Sun.</b>	10:00 am	<u>JOINT service at EAST with</u> <u>coffee hour after church</u>
<b>Aug. 9- Mon.</b>	9:00 am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>West church council meeting</u>
<b>Aug. 10- Tue.</b>	10:00 am-2:00 pm	<u>East Youth Quilting Day &amp;</u> <u>The lunch is provided</u>

## TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**East Prayers:** Peggy Andreason, Bill Fritts, 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:** Marian Larson, Diane Himle, Dave Peterson, Scott Larsen (*friend of Tina Baudoin*), Darlene Hanson, David Thoe, Kurt Connelly, 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*).

*Church contact info on next page...*

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION



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**PASTOR Paul Thompson:** *(Please call before driving to the office.)*

**Cell Phone:** 507-273-8504 **Email:** pthomp821@gmail.com

**Office hours:** Monday and Thursday

9:00 am–Noon... OR by appointment *(Day off-work is Friday)*

**SECRETARY Gina Moser:** *(Please call before driving to the office.)*

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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:

President: Brian Mueller 252-8078

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Bryan DeCook - Cell: 208-1590

### 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:

Glenda Mueller: 696-5753, Pat Cahill: 507-365-8766, or Jane

Williams: 507-271-2272.