

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Gloria Pew



## INTRODUCTION

*In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**  
(LBW p. 56)

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *God Himself Is Present* (LBW 249)

**GREETING** (LBW p. 57)

**KYRIE** (LBW p. 57)

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (LBW p. 58)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

**Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-9**

The First Lesson is from the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death – which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up – will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;

the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow,  
of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the  
earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

#### **SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9**

The Second Lesson is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Philippians.

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **VERSE (LBW p. 62)**

#### **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged.

He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand (LBW 351)*

CREED (LBW p. 64)

OFFERING (LBW p. 75)

### THE PRAYERS

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

You rejoice in your church, gracious God. Welcome your children to the table you have prepared and send us forth to share the saving mercy we meet in Jesus Christ. Today we pray especially for these synod churches: St. John Lutheran Church, Montgomery ~ Vista Lutheran Church, New Richland ~ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waseca ~ Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester ~ Ikhanoda Lutheran Church, Tanzania ~ Mazoezi Singa Lutheran Church, Tanzania ~ and Nguony Keel Lutheran Parish, South Sudan. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You rejoice in your good creation. Provide moisture for parched places, wind and sun for flooded lands, and shelter and sustenance for creatures of every kind. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You rejoice in the people and places of the world. We pray for nations who cannot sit at table together, for leaders distracted by anxiety and fear, and for refugees unwelcome in their homelands. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You bring peace that surpasses understanding. We pray for all who cannot worship with us this day: those who are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, or working, *especially...* West Prayers: Loretta H., Boyd P., Francis B., Al E., Joanne L., Joann T., Gene H., Robert, Danny, Veronica, Philip, and Matt Miller. East Prayers: Maryann Schultz, Heidi G., Dianne, Sharon, Cecelia, Dale, Vern, Kevin, Bill, David, Patricia, Sally, Roland, Carol, John, and Harris. Comfort their hearts and ours with your healing presence. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You rejoice in this congregation. We pray for its ministries of hospitality: for ushers, greeters, wedding coordinators, and all who welcome guests in this place. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You promise an eternal feast. We give thanks for the saints of every time and place (*especially Teresa of Avila, whom we commemorate today*). Hold us in communion with them until all are united at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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 Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
Amen

SENDING HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign* (LBW 530)

### 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.



### OCTOBER WORSHIP HOURS

**WEST:** Has early service at 9:00 am  
**BOTH:** Have Sunday school at 10:00 am  
**EAST:** Has late service at 11:00 am

### THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**WELCA Chairperson(s):** Cindy Orning (Oct.)  
**Altar Guild:** Sandy Iverson & Mary Brandt (Oct.)  
**Acolytes:** Oct. 15 - Nora Bamlet & Nicholas Larsen

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY Everyone is Invited to "Sweet Treats at East"



Everyone from East, West AND the public is invited  
today right after East's church service (*so about a  
noon start-time*) for **Sweet Treats at East St. Olaf**  
featuring a bake sale & silent auction to benefit  
stained glass window repair fund.

### Parents of 2017 Confirmands

Please turn-in confirmation gowns as soon as possible - just hang  
them on the coat-rack at East or West. We have a gal who will  
launder all of them and put them away for storage. Thank you.

### West Women: It's Time to Think about Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight will be December 3rd. *Although this seems  
early, time passes so quickly that we need to be thinking about this  
upcoming event.* Anyone who wishes to host a table or serve on the  
food committee, please contact Sharon at 365-8669. There'll be a  
signup sheet in the church at a later date for those wishing to  
attend. Please consider being a part of this event, as we would  
love to have you join us on this special evening!

### 'Christmas Alive' Seeks Participants of All Ages



On our bulletin board, you will find  
information regarding this year's **Christmas  
Alive** production. As the letter states, they are  
looking for participants: children 1<sup>st</sup> through  
12<sup>th</sup> grades, choirs, parents and other  
individuals interested in helping out with this wonderful live  
version of the story of Jesus' birth. Take an info sheet if interested.

### EAST ST. OLAF LUTEFISK LUNCH/SUPPER ~ Fri., Nov. 3



Everyone is invited to come enjoy a wonderful  
meal and great fellowship **Fri., November 3, 2017**  
at East St. Olaf's Lutefisk supper! *Menu, cost, and  
meal times for supper are the same as last year.* Lunch  
is served on a walk-in basis, but RESERVATIONS REQUIRED for  
the supper hour (take-out meals also available all day). Baked goods

and beautifully sewn or quilted items available to purchase (or by raffle). **CALL DIANE SEVERSON to make your SUPPER RESERVATIONS at 507-365-8017.** See poster on our website eaststolaf.org - just click on the "Bulletin Board" link at top/center of webpage. Also posters on church bulletin boards.

**Last Week's Attendance & Collections**

(10/08) Attendance: 48. Current \$1,800.35, and Benevolence \$25.

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13], 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, and Matthew 22:15-22.

**HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK**

*NOTE: Pasor Paul switched some office days this month, so he will... take his day-off tomorrow, Oct. 16 - then be IN the office Thurs., Oct. 19*

- 10/15** 9:00 am West worship
- 10:00 am West JAM / East Sunday school
- 11:00 am East worship and communion - then...
- After church ALL from East, West, and the public are invited to *Sweet Treats at East St. Olaf, a bake sale & silent auction fundraiser, with funds raised going to repair stained glass windows at East*
- Mon.** ----- Pastor Paul's day off-work (*for this week*)
- Tue.** 10:00 am East quilting and sack lunch
- Wed.** ----- NO class for Confirmation (*due to MEA*)
- Thur.** 9:00 am East cranberry day/light lunch at noon
- 10:00-Noon Pastor Paul at office (*for this week*)
- Noon Deadline to submit
- Fri.** 10:00-Noon Pastor Paul at office
- 10/22** 9:00 am West has communion
- 10:00 am West JAM / East Sunday school
- 11:00 am East worship with Baptism of RaeLynn Marie Rud
- East supplies cookies for Season's Hospice

**COMING UP AT EAST & WEST**

**OCTOBER**

**Oct. 24 (Tue.):**

- 9:00 am West quilting and potluck lunch
- 10:00 am East Circle 4 meeting, then quilting/sack lunch

**Oct. 25 (Wed.):**

- 9:00 am West quilting and potluck lunch
- 7:00 pm BOTH Confirmation class at EAST

**Oct. 29 (Sun.):**

- 9:00 am West worship
- 10:00 am West JAM / East Sunday school
- 11:00 am East worship... then after church - East sets up the kitchen for Lutefisk supper

**Oct. 31 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting and sack lunch

**NOVEMBER**

*East early at 9:00, BOTH SS at 10:00 am, West late at 11:00 am*

**Nov. 3 (Fri.):** East St. Olaf LUTEFISK LUNCH OR SUPPER

**LIST OF LOCAL & SYNOD EVENTS**

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

**Oct. 26 (Thur.):** Lutefisk Dinner & Bake Sale at St. John's Lutheran Church of Kasson. *See poster.*

**TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**West Prayers:** Loretta Himle, 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*).

**East Prayers:** 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*).

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## HEALTH NOTE FOR THIS WEEK

**October 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> is International Infection Prevention Week** and the **Number One infection prevention is still hand washing!** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a 5 step handwashing with soap and water:

1. *Wet* hands with clean running water and apply soap
2. *Lather* hands, rubbing hands together including backs of hands, fingers, and under nails
3. *Scrub* for at least 20 seconds (would you believe the average hand washing is said to be about 6 seconds? **20 seconds** is longer than we think, so sing or hum Happy Birthday **twice through** to see how long it should take!)
4. *Rinse* hands well under clean running water
5. *Dry* hands with a clean towel or air dry

If soap and water are not available, alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol can be used, but check the recommended amount on the label and rub hands, including backs of hands, fingers, and under nails until hands are dry. Wash hands before, during, and after preparing food, before eating, after using the

toilet, changing diapers, or assisting someone to toilet, after blowing your (or someone else's) nose, or catching a cough or sneeze, before and after caring for someone who is sick, before and after treating a cut or wound, after touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste, after handling pet food or treats, and after touching garbage. Perhaps we should be singing Happy Birthday (twice) for ourselves and our families! See: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>