

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

Sunday, March 17, 2019: 2nd Sunday in Lent

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Kim Jacobson

INTRODUCTION

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)

ENTRANCE HYMN *Faith of Our Fathers* (LBW 500)

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. . .

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message – "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away – you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe – that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:17–4:1

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VERSE (LBW p. 62)

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *By the Babylonian Rivers (WOV 656)*

CREED (LBW p. 64)

OFFERING (LBW p. 75)

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

BLESSING (LBW p. 76)

SENDING HYMN *Lead On, O King Eternal! (LBW 495)*

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.

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairpersons (Mar.): Sheryl Wohlers

Altar Guild: Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Ushers cover until schedule developed

Reader: Please verify

Ushers: Steve Arett, Scott Iverson, Philip Senjem, and Will Laxen

Deacon: Carma Bjornson

Stewardship: Dee Rabehl

WEST Attendance and Contributions:

(3/13 - Advent) Attendance: 53. Current Total: \$184.20

Deadline for Thrivent Choice Dollars to be allocated is March 31.

HOLY HOTDISH is April 7!

Church services are at 9AM. West JAM will be at 10 with the children coming to sing at the church at 10:25 while the people are waiting for the first seating. *Continued on back...*

Seating times are 11 AM and 12:30 PM. Reservations are required.
Call Cindy O. at 365-8090 soon for reservations. Each seating is limited to 92 people.

Sign-up sheets for food and workers are in the chapel. WSO ladies are needed to sing. The clothing and hat shop will be set up in the chapel on March 17. Our mission is Dodge County Food Shelf.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

Sealed bids are now being accepted for the East-West St. Olaf Parsonage farm (12.9 acres). This would be for a 3-year contract.

Requirements for placing a bid:

A sealed bid must be sent through the mail so each letter is postmarked. Bids are due by Friday, April 5, 2019.

Mail bids to: East St. Olaf Church
ATTN: Farm Bid
6200 County Road 3 SW
Byron, MN 55920