

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

June 04, 2023: The Holy Trinity

First Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Reconciling God,

You seek peace and unity among us, but too often we choose walls of isolation. You seek to be one with your creation, but we turn away your loving Spirit. In your forgiving love, break down the barriers we create, that we may see more clearly your love for us, be reconciled with our neighbor, and trust more deeply your promise of eternal life. Amen.

We who were once far off have been brought near to God through the cross of Jesus Christ. Almighty God forgive you sin and grant you grace to forgive one another as you have been forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN O Day Full of Grace (LBW 161)

[1] O day, full of grace that we now see

Appearing on earth's horizon

Bring light from our God that we may be

*Replete in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon*

*[2] O day full of grace, O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving:
Then came to the world that light subline,
Great joy for us and all retrieving:
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.*

*[3] For Christ bore our sins, and not his own
When he on the cross was hanging:
And then he arose and move the stone,
That we, unto him belonging,
Might join with the angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.*

*[4] God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all his healing.*

*[5] When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels his name adoring.*

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GREETING (LBW p. 57)

**Let my mouth be full of your praise,
And your glory all the day long.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with your all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 58)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:*

*Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

A reading from Genesis, chapters 1 and 2:

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth

brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth! —

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from 2nd Corinthians, chapter 13:

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE (LBW p. 62)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to

St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I

have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (LBW 400)

God, Whose Almighty Word

[1] *God, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!*

[2] *Lord, who once came to bring,
On your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!*

[3] *Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving holy dove
Speed forth your flight;
Move on the water's face
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!*

[4] *Holy and blessed three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,*

*Through the earth, far and wide
Let there be light!*

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CREED (LBW p. 64)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the
Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son**

is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy
catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for
a world in need.

...God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of
Jesus Christ.

Amen.

DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68)

SANCTUS (LBW p. 69)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 69)

Blessed are you, ...his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which ...for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)

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.**

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN Day by Day (WOV 746)

[1] Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me.

Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.

Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me

Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.

Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,

Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;

Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,

Where at last I'll find eternal rest.

[2] Day by day, I know you will provide me

strength to serve and wisdom to obey;

I will seek your loving will to guide me

O'er the paths I struggle day by day.

*I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me to bear life's pain and sorrow
Till in glory I behold your face.*

[3] *Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
When my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me,
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
You will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.

*Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)

O God, We thank you for the living bread that rains down from heaven. From this feast of love may we carry your eternal life as daily food for the well-being of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING (LBW p. 74)

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy... (LBW 165)

[1] *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

[2] *Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.*

[3] *Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.*

[4] *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, refreshed, renewed, and sent out.
Thanks be to God.

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.

Offering: You may place your offering in the offering plate as you leave (*the plates are not passed*).

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

WELCA Chairperson(s): June – Sharon Gulbransen

Altar Guild: June – Donna Larsen and Cindy Senjem

Acolytes: Ushers cover now, through summer

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes

Deacon: June - Carma Bjornson

Stewardship: June - Heather Bamlet

TODAY'S READINGS – for June 4:

INTRODUCTION: *Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1--2:4a: *At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

PSALM: Psalm 8

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13: *Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20: *After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUCTION for Communion Elements:

Each person please pick-up your own cup of communion wine or juice. Gluten-free bread will be given to everyone.

West WELCA will meet on June 14 at 11:30 at the Pizza Ranch in Stewartville for lunch. If you would like to car pool, meet at the chapel at 11:00. Please let Sharon or Nancy know by June 11 if you plan to attend because we need to let Pizza Ranch know the number of people. Men are welcome too!

CALLING ALL EAST/WEST KIDS!!! This year's VBS Campout for Christ will be Saturday & Sunday, AUG 19-20, at WEST St. Olaf. Check-in time will be from 3-4 pm Aug. 19th, and we will be posting an online registration form to the JAM/East SS Facebook group. *[Children PRE-K to 2nd grade are welcome to join in on this sleep over if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.]* **ALSO...LARGE BOXES NEEDED FOR VBS for "box forts":** If you have any, let us know and we will get them from you or you can bring them to the Sunday school. **If questions, contact the Board of Education at WestStOlafJAM@gmail.com, or call or text 507-206-9839.**

Prayer Updates:

Please inform Gina if you have any prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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

TODAY	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>
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office (<i>but 10am Kasson ministerial meeting</i>)

Friday:	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday:	10:00 am	EAST Circle 4 meeting at church
Sun. 06/11	8:30 am	West Worship
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee... <u>and deadline to inform if you're attending WELCA pizza lunch</u></i>
	10:00 am	East Worship
	11:00 am	EAST Father's Day Lunch

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Jun 12 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<u>JOINT COUNCIL Mtg @ WEST</u>
		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	<u>WEST WELCA goes to lunch</u>
		<u>at Stewartville Pizza Ranch</u>
		<u>(Men are welcome too!)</u>
June 15 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
June 16 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
June 18 (Sun.):	10:00 am	<u>BOTH: Joint worship service at WEST church</u> - with refreshments served afterward, by the St. Olaf Heritage Association

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: 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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