

St. Olaf Outdoor Worship

July 21, 2024: Joint service at West St. Olaf

INTRODUCTION: *Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.*

PRELUDE

Pat Nelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher, your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word. All that has life and breath praises your name. For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, preached your mercy, and called us to faith. For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.

We entreat you, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer, for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Shine, Jesus Shine!"* WOV #651

Refrain: *Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;*

Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;

Send forth your Word and let there be light.

1. *Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me. Shine on me.*

Refrain: *Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your Word and let there be light.*

2. *As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell the story.
Shine on me. Shine on me.*

Refrain: *Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your Word and let there be light.*

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.

Glory to you, O God, for creating the human race and for endowing us with the mystery of your image. We praise you, O God,
We praise you O God.

For Africans and Asians and Indians, for Europeans and Americans, and for tribal peoples and island dwellers, we bless you, O God.
We bless you O God.

For black and white of skin, for brown and blue of eyes, and for blond or dark of hair, we exalt you, O God,
We exalt you, O God.

For newborns and toddlers, for children and youth, for adults and the aged, we extol you, O God. **We extol you, O God.**

For the healthy and the infirm, for the worker and the owner, for those we admire and those we fear, we glorify you, O God.

We glorify you, O God.

For persons who lead, for persons who follow, and for those who walk alone, we adore you, O God.

We adore you, O God.

To all the human family, make us a blessing. We bless you O God.

We bless you O God.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, our God, forever and ever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE SONG (WOV p. 47)

All: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

- 1. Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe;
just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.
Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?*

All: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

- 2. For you alone are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and worship before you,
for your just and holy works have been revealed.*

All: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

A reading from Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! Says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: "It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings," says the Lord. ³"Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing," says the Lord. ⁵"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

PSALM 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

A reading from Ephesians:

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law

with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you.

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you.

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you.

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:3-034, 53-56

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

1. *I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.*
2. *In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*
3. *When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to 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.

OFFERTORY

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;

Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.

Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;

Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.

Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;

Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

God of sun and rain,

We praise you for your wonderful creation and your all-sustaining care. Receive these tokens of our gratitude, and may our lives reflect the goodness and love shown in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE 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.**

Be strengthened with the power of God, the love of Christ, and the help of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

1. *I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!
Singing "Glory, Hallelujah!" Jesus lifted me.*

2. *Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me!
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me!
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me!
Singing "Glory, Hallelujah!" Jesus lifted me.*

3. *When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me!
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me!
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me!
Singing "Glory, Hallelujah!" Jesus lifted me.*

Go in peace, share the Good News!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Announcements: on next page...

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:

If you're visiting, we're glad you joined us. *Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.*

OFFERING: You may place your offering in the offering box as you leave.



JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEST 8:30 am worship/ West coffee at 9:30 am
EAST 10:00 am worship / East coffee after church
TODAY, July 21 10:00 am joint worship at WEST

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

- WELCA Chair(s):** July - Gail Laxen
- Altar Guild:** July - Jane Estby & Sheryl Wohlers
- Acolytes:** Ushers are covering
- Reader:** July 21 - Pastor Paul (joint service at WEST)
- Ushers:** Pete Danielson organizes volunteers
- Deacon:** July - Sandy Iverson
- Stewardship:** 3rd Sunday - WELCA

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEST WELCA WILL BE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES again for a Lutheran World Relief mission. There are collection boxes in both the church and chapel. It seems early but school supplies are already on sale. WATCH August & September newsletters for the updated list of school supplies. *This is a Thrivent Action Team project. We appreciate your generous support in the past.*

WEST WELCA INFORMATION

JULY

Chairperson: Gail Laxen
Altar Guild: Jane and Sheryl

AUGUST

Chairpersons: Jan Nordland, Roxanne Weinmann
Altar Guild: Donna and Cindy S.

VACATION: NO MEETING IN AUGUST

- 3** 4-7 pm at Mony's: Mary's Angel's Alzheimer's Benefit
- 20** **VERIFY:** WELCA supplies workers, pies and bars for the farm-machinery auction of Pete Danielson.
- 25** Officers plan Fall Bazaar during coffee hour



THIS SUMMER, VBS will be a sleepover on August 24-25, at WEST St. Olaf -- theme is Jonah and the Whale. Drop-off time will be at 3:00 pm on the 24th. **All kids are welcome!** Sleeping over is optional, *but for kids who aren't in third grade yet; please have a parent accompany the child if they want to sleep over.* **Please let the Board of Ed know if your child would like to join in the fun by emailing WestStOlafJAM@gmail.com or texting 507-206-9839, so we have enough supplies for all the kids to enjoy.**

EAST WELCA & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

JULY *Worship service is at 10 AM*

**No Council Meeting in July*

**No WELCA Meeting in July*

23 10:00 Quilting/sack lunch

30 10:00 Quilting/sack lunch

EAST MEMBERS: If you know of anyone who would like a get a card from East St. Olaf, please contact Jane Williams (507) 271-2272 (Talk or Text). *Help us share a blessing!*

BOTH: 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.

TODAY: 07/21 10:00 am Joint worship at WEST church with fellowship/coffee afterward

Monday: 9am-Noon Pastor at office
NOON Deadline to submit info for the August issue of newsletter

Tuesday: 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Thursday: 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Friday: ----- Pastor's day off-work

Sun. 07/28 8:30 am West worship, comm/coffee after

10:00 am East worship comm. /coffee after

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

July 29 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

July 30 (Tue.): >>> NEWSLETTER DAY at office (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:45-collate)

10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

AUGUST 2024

Regular services:

East 8:30 am worship with coffee afterward

West 9:00 am coffee hour

West 10:00 am worship

NOTE: August 18 is a 10:00 am JOINT SERVICE at East church

Aug. 1 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Aug. 2 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day-off

Aug. 3 (Sat.): 4-7:00 pm *Alzheimer's fundraiser at Mony's in Hayfield.*

Aug. 4 (Sun.): 8:30 am East worship / communion

9:00 am West coffee hour

10:00 am West worship / communion

Aug. 5 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Aug. 6 (Tue.): 10:00 am East Circle 4 meeting, then quilting and sack lunch

6:00 pm EAST council meeting

Aug. 8 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Aug. 9 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day-off
Aug. 10 (Sat.): 10:00 am EAST WELCA meeting at church
Aug. 11 (Sun.): 8:30 am East worship
 9:00 am West coffee hour
 10:00 am West worship
 2-4:00 pm TASTE OF NORWAY inside the East St. Olaf Church - ALL INVITED!!
Aug. 12 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 7:00 pm WEST council meeting
Aug. 13 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting / sack lunch
Aug. 15 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Aug. 16 (Fri.):----- Pastor's day-off
Aug. 18 (Sun.): 10:00 am JOINT WORSHIP at EAST with coffee/fellowship afterward
Aug. 19 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 7:00 pm Deadline to submit newsletter info
Aug. 20 (Tue.): VERIFY: WEST WELCA serves at Pete D's farm machinery auction
 10:00 am East quilting / sack lunch
Aug. 22 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Aug. 23 (Fri.):----- Pastor's day-off
Aug. 24 (Sat.): **3:00 pm DROP-OFF TIME for VBS! It will be held at WEST ST. OLAF**
Aug. 25 (Sun.): VBS concludes on Sunday
 8:30 am East worship
 9:00 am West coffee hour
 West WELCA board meets during coffee to plan the Fall Bazaar
 10:00 am West worship
Aug. 26 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Aug. 27 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting / sack lunch
Aug. 29 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 >>> NEWSLETTER DAY at office (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:45-collate)
Aug. 30 (Fri.):----- Pastor's day-off

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Sharon Gulbransen, Jerry Nelson, Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma. B.*), Irene Walker (*Katie Masching's aunt*), Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma B.*), Cody Hegna, Loretta Himle, Gloria Brown, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria Pew, Boyd Pew, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*). Those serving in our military: Jack Kenyon (*nephew of Will & Gail Laxen*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

East Prayers: Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Mary Madson, Jerry Nelson, Kaysie Peterson, Scott Kittleson (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Cody Hegna, Alan Hovey, Jean (*Sandy Dahle's daughter*), Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Keith Roeder (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Dalton Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia Torstenson, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

Church contact info is on next page...

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Office Phone: 507-365-8222 **Cell Phone:** 507-951-4964

Emails: eastwest@kmtel.com AND certainty@kmtel.com

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

JANITORIAL SERVICE: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

West St. Olaf

President, Will Laxen: 507-208-5399

Vice President, Hans Estby: 507-365-8600 or 507-259-8843

Head Deacon, Sheryl Wohlers: 507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974

East St. Olaf

President, Bruce Peterson: 507-254-1822

Gary Kearns: 507-206-3158 or 507- 254-5285

Bryan DeCook: 507-208-1590