

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

January 22, 2023: Third Sunday after Epiphany

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INTRODUCTION: *Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross – as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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, from the bottom of our hearts love and praise you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

As God’s beloved daughters and sons, let us call to mind our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

God of the nations,

In baptism you anoint us to be your holy people in the world, yet we have not been faithful to you. We have not loved and accepted one another. We have not reached out to the poor, hungry, or lost. Forgive us, and fill us with your light, that we

may delight in your goodness and serve you with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Christ the grace and mercy of God are revealed; in Christ your sins are forgiven. Walk then as children of the light.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story (LBW 390)

GREETING (LBW p. 57)

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 (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. . . .

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9:

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

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?

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.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from 1st Corinthians, chapter 1:

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one

can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE (LBW p. 62)

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.***

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the
Gentiles —

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately

they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult (LBW 494)

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;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

...Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

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

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)

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.

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

Here I Am, Lord (WOV 752)

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)

BLESSING (LBW p. 74)

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (LBW 259)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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 in the offering plate as you leave (*plates are not passed at this time*).

JANUARY WORSHIP TIMES



EAST 9:00 am worship (*coffee always after church*)

BOTH 10:00 am West JAM/ East Sunday school

WEST 11:00 am worship (*coffee before church at 10:00 am*)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chairperson(s): Jan. - Sandy Iverson

Altar Guild: Jan. - Mary Brandt and Sandy Iverson

Reader: Jan. 22 - Nancy Peterson

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes

Deacon: Jan. - Sandy Iverson

Stewardship: Jan. - Jeff Thoe

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S READINGS for Jan. 22

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4: *The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18: *Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23: *Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

SNOW TUBING!!! Calling All Kids!

JAM and Luther League kids are invited to a snow tubing adventure! It will be on Sunday, February 5th from 2 to 4 pm at Camp Victory, 58212 403rd Ave, Zumbro Falls, MN. A free will offering is welcome but not required; the church is covering the cost for all kids and adults.

Instructions for Communion Elements

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

ATTENTION PARENTS: First Holy Communion Classes

Classes will meet at 2:00 pm TODAY and next Sunday, Jan. 29th. **Then on February 5th we will hold the First Holy Communion service at West.**

REMINDER about West WELCA January Events

West quilting will restart this week on Jan. 24th & 25th with sack lunches. We hope you can join us.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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

TODAY	9:00 am	East church, then <u>Annual Meeting and potluck dinner</u> (<i>East backup date will be Feb. 5, if needed due to bad weather</i>)
	9:00 am	West church/ <u>Comm.</u> - Pastor Jim Rushton
	10:00 am	West JAM/East Sunday school
	2:00 pm	<u>West CLASS for 1st Communion</u>
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	9:00 am	West quilting / sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting / sack lunch
Wednesday	9:00 am	West quilting / sack lunch
	7:00 pm	BOTH Confirmation at West
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. 01/29	9:00 am	EAST worship... then coffee after church
	10:00 am	West JAM/East Sunday school
	10:00 am	West coffee before church
	11:00 am	West worship
	2:00 pm	<u>West CLASS for 1st Communion</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Jan. 31 (Tue.) 10:00 am East quilting / sack lunch

FEBRUARY

WEST 9:00 am *Worship / Coffee after church at 10:00 am*

BOTH 10:00 am *West JAM / East Sunday school*

EAST 11:00 am *Worship / East coffee always after church*

Feb. 1 (Wed.): 7:00 pm Confirmation class at East

Feb. 2 (Thu.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Feb. 3 (Fri.) ----- Pastor's day off-work

Feb. 5 (Sun.) 9:00 am WEST worship/comm.- **with Rite of First Holy Communion** for West Students ... **AND** during service, the **Installation of West Officers**

10:00 am West coffee after church
10:00 am West JAM/East Sunday school
11:00 am EAST worship /comm. AND during service, the Installation of East Officers

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Gloria Pew, Kelly Pratt (*GINNY'S daughter*), Nancy Jensen, Loretta Himle, Gloria Brown, Ginny Hyland, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, 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*).

East Prayers: Verla Holman (*friend of Marilyn Carlson*), Orillie Iverson, David Tvedt, Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Keith Roeder (*Paul Jordan was his father-in-law*), Dalton Mansfield (*currently serving aboard ship*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Bill Fritts, Sylvia Torstenson, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), David Distad, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

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