

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Rev. Roy Satre Organist: Pat Nelson



INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836)

GREETING

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 (ELW p. 184)

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.
For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.
That we may live out your impassioned response*

*to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.
For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.
For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives
in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,*

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community – not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant –

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

- ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.**
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Roy Satre: "The Gathering God"

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (ELW 858)

CREED

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 became truly human.
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.

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Unite us, O God, so that all who worship receive assurance and nourishment by faith. Rescue those who suffer from religious persecution. Today we pray especially for these synod churches: Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church, Lyle ~ Fountain Lutheran Church, Fountain ~ Calvary Lutheran Church, Mankato ~ Trinity Lutheran Church, West Concord ~ Mruma Lutheran Church, Tanzania ~ Dominiki Lutheran Church, Tanzania

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Teach us, O God, so that the holy mountains and peaceful valleys of your good creation can be restored to the health you intend.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Empower us, O God, to advocate for those on the margins. Open the hearts of leaders in every nation to serve those who are most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Equip us, O God, with your love for our brothers and sisters. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, feed the hungry, and calm those in distress, *especially...*

East Prayers: Leah Ferdinandt-Mandery (*Kitsie Robinson's mother*), Rhonda, Heidi G., Dianne, Sharon, Cecelia, Dale, Vern, Kevin, Bill, David, Patricia, Sally, Roland, Carol, John, and Harris.

West Prayers: Francis B., Al E., Joanne L., Joann T., Gene H., Ginny, Robert, Orin, Inez, Dale, Danny, Veronica, Philip, and Matt Miller. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rouse us, O God, to praise you with gladness. We give thanks for musicians, worship leaders, intercessors, those who prepare the communion table, and all who make our worship express our joy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints who have deepened our lives of prayer (*especially Bernard, abbot of Clairvaux*). Gather us with them in endless praise of you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING (ELW p. 190)

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.*

*Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING: DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God* (ELW p. 191)

*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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

SENDING SONG *Jesus Shall Reign (ELW 434)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
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.



AUGUST WORSHIP HOURS

WEST: Early service at 8:30 am

EAST: Late service at 10:00 am

Regular service times resume in September: East 9:00 am/West 11:00 am

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

EAST ALTAR GUILD: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

August: Dawn Evjen & Amy Jorgenson

September 3 & 10: Peggy Andreason

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR PASTORAL NEEDS



Pastor Paul will be on vacation from Aug. 17 – Aug. 21. FOR EMERGENCY PASTORAL NEEDS please call your council members.

WEST EMERGENCY CONTACTS

President: Carma Bjornson: 365-8660, cell: 272-7627

Vice President: Sue Hyland: 365-8930, cell: 259-3890

Head Deacon: Sheryl Wohlers: 365-8816, cell: 259-5974

EAST EMERGENCY CONTACTS

President: Bruce Peterson: 254-1822

Gary Kearns: 365-8487, cell: 254-5285

Bryan DeCook: 208-1590

TODAY: EVERYONE IS INVITED to the ICE CREAM SOCIAL sponsored by the St. Olaf Heritage Association!!!



This event will be this afternoon from 2:00–4:00 pm (with the program at 2:00 pm). Music by Don & Peg Holtan. Pie and Ice Cream. Bring your old cars and tractors to display (*have displays in place by 1:30 pm*).

COME RAIN OR SHINE! In case of rain, this event will be held in the East St. Olaf Fellowship Hall. **FREE WILL OFFERING.**

Sponsored by the St. Olaf Heritage Association – everyone is welcome! If questions, call 507-365-8101.

New Dishwasher at East! Thank You!

Yes, the dishwasher is coming, and it's not the 2-legged kind! A great "Norwegian thanks" to everyone who helped with the Lutefisk Dinner to make this happen! And don't ya know, we gotta hav dat komersal deal to kuk fer da publik! It is a Blakeslee Commercial undercounter dishwasher, capable of washing 30 trays per hour! Cost was \$3,199.00 and the 5-year warranty was another \$230.00, and the wonderful thing is, it is **paid for** through all our efforts! A special thanks to Francis Carlson for smiling pretty when he placed the order! Uff da, we won't tell!

Meeting for East Altar Guild & All Welcome to Join

There will be a meeting right after church service on Sun., August 27, for all altar guild members. All who are interested are welcome to join the altar guild and attend this meeting.

Offerings & Attendance

(08/06) Attendance: 44. Current \$1,870, SG Window \$300.

(08/13) Attendance: 32. Current \$1,100.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, and Matthew 16:13-20

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

8/20 ----- Pastor Paul on vacation
 8:30 am West worship with Rev. Roy Satre
 10:00 am East worship and communion with Rev. Roy Satre
 2-4:00 pm ICE CREAM SOCIAL (with the program at 2:00 pm) at Tverberg historic log cabin. Sponsored by the St. Olaf Heritage Association - All welcome!

Mon. ----- Pastor Paul on vacation
 Noon Deadline to email/submit newsletter items and reports to Gina

Tue. 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Wed. 10:00-noon Pastor Paul at office

Thur. ----- Pastor Paul's day off-work

Fri. 10:00-noon Pastor Paul at office

8/27 8:30 am West worship with communion
 After church West WELCA plans Fall Bazaar during coffee hour at chapel
 10:00 am East worship
 After church East Altar Guild has a brief meeting

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Aug. 29 (Tue.): NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 10:00-tape/collate)

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

East at 9:00 am... Jam/SS at 10:00 am... and West at 11:00 am.

[All Tuesdays in September, Gina will work at the office in the afternoon from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm as she is attending a seminar each Tuesday AM.]

Sept. 3 (Sun.):

- Both churches have communion
- West church hosts Field Crest worship (WELCA supplies 5 dozen cookies)

Sept. 4 (Mon.): Office closed - Labor Day holiday

Sept. 10 (Sun.): RALLY DAY AT BOTH CHURCHES!

- 9:00 am East worship
- 10:00 am Sunday school begins classes
- 11:00 am West worship & celebrate "God's work. Our hands." by collecting school supplies for local schools
- West has Rally Dinner right after church service!

Sept. 11 (Mon.): JOINT COUNCIL MEETING at West Church

- 6:00 pm each council has brief meeting
- 7:00 pm JOINT meeting begins

LOCAL AREA & SYNOD: UPCOMING EVENTS

****See bulletin board/information table for any posters****

Aug. 26 (Sat.): WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS at Rochester's University Center. 9:00 am registration, 10:00 am opening ceremony. More info at alz.org/walk OR call 507-289-3950

Berne Wood-Fire Pizza and Summer Concert Series: At Zwingli United Church of Christ on Wednesday nights throughout the summer. No entrance fee. Pizza available to purchase.

Mayo Clinic Hospice: Community Grief Support Groups

For adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no charge but registration is required by August 25th.

Living Well with Diabetes Workshops by Elder Network: Meets every Tuesday for 6 weeks (September 5-October 10). No cost to attend. You may borrow the book if you don't write in it... or you may purchase the book for \$25. See poster on bulletin board.

Held at Elder Network: 1130 - 1/2 7th St. NW, Suite 205, Rochester. CALL TO REGISTER 507-285-5272.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Leah Ferdinandt-Mandery (*Kitsie Robinson's mother*), Rhonda Leighty, 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*).

West Prayers: Francis Bungum, Al Eastlee, Joanne Larsen (*mother of Dan Larsen*), Joann Tiegen, Gene Hyland, Ginny Hyland, Robert Beaver, Orin Holtan (*brother of Gloria Pew*), Inez Hauglum, Dale Tiegen, 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*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

PASTOR Paul Thompson: On vacation August 17 – August 21...

Please call your council member for emergency pastoral needs.

Phone numbers are listed above in announcements section.

Phone: 507-273-8504 **Email:** pthomp821@gmail.com

Office hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
(10:00 am–Noon... OR by appointment)

SECRETARY Gina Moser: (*Please call before driving to the office.*)

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

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

Please 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

VISITS FOR OUR MEMBERS

If you know of anyone who may like a call or visit from the

pastor or another member, please contact an East deacon:

Rhonda Leighty: 365-8047, Sonya Mansfield: 365-8663 or

Amanda Pyfferoen: 208-0852.

HEALTH NOTE FOR THIS WEEK

August 14th through the 18th is Fungal Disease Awareness Week.

Fungal diseases include common types of fungal disorders, such as Athlete's foot, nail fungus, ringworm, and female yeast

(candidiasis) infections. Other, more serious fungal diseases include candida in the blood (candidemia) and Valley Fever, also known as coccidioidomycosis, which is often diagnosed initially as pneumonia and treated with antibiotics, but since it is due to a fungus, the antibiotics will not be effective and actually puts people at risk for drug-resistant infections. Fungal infections can be caused by touching fungi or breathing in the spores. Ringworm (candida corporis), can be transmitted by skin-to-skin contact, including moist skin, wrestling mats, locker rooms, pools, towels, clothing, and gear.

People who are more susceptible to fungal infections have weakened immune systems, including those who are hospitalized, had an organ transplant, have cancer or HIV/AIDS, or taking certain medications. To prevent fungal infections, keep skin clean and dry, avoid biting nails or hangnails, wear clean socks daily, avoid sharing personal care items or towels, wear flip flops in public showers, and avoid touching infected areas. For more information see <https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/index.html>