

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue - Hayfield, MN

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Rev. Roy Satre Organist: Gloria Pew



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

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
(LBW p. 56)

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ENTRANCE HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (LBW 551)

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. . .

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The First Lesson is from the 56th chapter of 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 LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The Second Lesson is from the 11th chapter of 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE (LBW p. 62)

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

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 *How Great Thou Art* (LBW 532)

CREED (LBW p. 65)

OFFERING (LBW p. 75)

THE PRAYERS

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...* West Prayers: Francis B., Al E., Joanne L., Joann T., Gene H., Ginny, Robert, Orin, Inez, Dale, Danny, Veronica, Philip, and Matt Miller.

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.

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.

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.**

BLESSING (LBW p. 76)

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 SONG *Jesus Shall Reign* (LBW 530)

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

WELCA Chairperson(s): Nancy Danielson (Aug.)

Altar Guild: Sheryl Wohlers & Jane Estby (Aug.)

Acolytes: Ushers will fill-in throughout summer months

Reader: Heather Bamlet (Aug. 20)

Ushers: Don Alrick, Greg Brandt, Neil Rabehl, and Craig Steinfadt (Aug.)

Deacon: Deb Schuck (Aug.)

Stewardship: Aloma Eastlee (Aug.)

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.

God's Work. Our Hands... West Mission to Local Schools

West will be taking part in the ELCA's dedicated day of service, "God's work. Our hands" on Sun., September 10. This is a project in which churches help their communities. We would like to expand the school kit project to include supplies for our local school districts. Many students, locally, do not have supplies needed for school. Please join us in providing additional supplies to give the schools that they might share with students who have a need. SUPPLIES MIGHT INCLUDE: #2 pencils, glue sticks, erasers, student scissors, wide ruled and narrow ruled spiral notebooks, pocket folders, crayons, pencil crayons, wide ruled loose leaf paper, pencil cases. Thank you for your willingness to help our local students as well.

West Mission for Lutheran World Relief

West JAM and WELCA are collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits as a mission again this year. The list of supplies needed are in the back of the church, in the chapel, and in the August newsletter. There are containers in both the church and chapel for the donations. Thank you.

WEST RALLY DAY DINNER ~ Sun., September 10

The West St. Olaf council would like to invite you to the annual Rally Day dinner to be held Sunday September 10. The menu will be: pulled pork sandwiches, salads, bars and beverages. The free will offering will be given to "Bundles of Love". Please join us for food, fellowship and wishing our JAM students and staff another successful year.

Last Week's Attendance & Collections

(08/13) Attendance: 35. Current \$1,333.

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	<u>Deadline to email/submit newsletter items and reports to Gina</u>
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 morning.]

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

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*).

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 Duloherly*), Dale Boelter, Vern Exe (*Pete's father*), Kevin Kubly (*friend of Yvette Duloherly*), 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*).

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

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>