

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

July 27, 2025: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Rev. Paul Thompson

Organist: Pat Nelson

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.



AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEST 8:30 am worship with coffee after church

EAST 10:00 am worship with coffee after church

>>> JOINT SERVICE August 17 in WEST church

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: July – Dawn Evjen

Deacon: July: Mary Madson

Reader: July 27 – Mary Madson

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 4th Sun. – Circle 4

READINGS: Sunday, July 27, 2025 7th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized – to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus – is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."*

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32: *In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

PSALM: Psalm 138

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15: *The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13: *In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MUSIC AT KASSON

Grace Methodist Church at 801 5th Ave. NW Kasson is having a free ice cream social tomorrow, July 28, from 6:00-8:00 pm (*root beer floats and ice cream sundaes*). There will be entertainment by HoneyShine Hollow. Everyone one is welcome to attend.

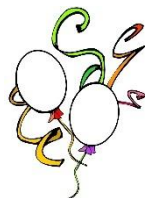
FINAL SUMMER SALAD LUNCHEON AT SACRED HEART CHURCH IN HAYFIELD

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

DELICIOUS BAR-B-Q'S, SALADS & BARS

\$7.00 for adults / \$3.50 for 13 years and under

60th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE ~ SAT., AUG. 16



Everyone from both churches is invited to attend the **60th Wedding Anniversary OPEN HOUSE for Gene & Sharon Gulbransen** at the West chapel Saturday, August 16 from noon to 3:00 pm. *Come share this very special day with the Gulbransen's!*

VBS WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



Join us for VBS, Saturday, August 23 until Sunday, August 24 at the West St. Olaf chapel. *Check-in time is 3-3:30pm.* We'll provide dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. JAM and Luther League kids are all welcome! Feel free to bring a friend! (If kids are not yet in

third grade and want to sleep over, we ask that a parent stay over with them.) **PLEASE RSVP by email or text message:** WestStOlafJAM@gmail.com or text to 507-206-9839.

NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS FALL!!!

At the June joint council meeting, the joint council voted to try a new year-round schedule beginning in SEPTEMBER (though starting times will still rotate monthly, between the two churches).

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER:

>EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Sept. at East – coffee always after)

>>> JAM at 9:30 am (RALLY DAY date is T.B.D)

>LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Sept. at West, coffee at 9:30 am)

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(07/06 and 07/13/2025) Current \$1,895 and In-memory of Richard Sattre \$405.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for newsletter info - by approx. the 20th day, each month.

TODAY	8:30 am	EAST worship, <u>Communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:00 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:00 am	WEST worship, <u>Communion</u>
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	10:00 am	East quilting / sack lunch
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> <i>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)</i>
Friday	9am-Noon	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. 08/03	8:30 am	West worship/ <u>communion</u> , <i>West coffee after the service</i>
	10:00 am	East worship/ <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after service</i>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Aug. 4 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Aug. 5 (Tue)	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>East church council meeting</u>
Aug. 7 (Thur.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Aug. 8 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Aug. 9 (Sat.)	10:00 am	<u>East WELCA meeting at church</u>
Aug. 10 (Sun.)	8:30 am	West worship
		<i>West coffee after service</i>
	10:00 am	East worship
		<i>East coffee after service</i>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Sue Senjem, Gary Braaten (*dad of Jenni Braaten Winch*) Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Pat Raasch (*friend of Becky Brakke*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Kaysie Peterson, Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Dalton Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia Torstenson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Call before driving to office*)

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OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC EAST: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

Bryan DeCook: 208-1590