

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

May 17, 2026: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Paul Thompson

Organist: Pat Nelson

## 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.*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

**WEST: EARLY at 8:30 am** for May (coffee 9:30 am)

**JAM at 9:30 am** at West (Last day is today, with year-end bowling party at Mony's 10:30 am-12:30 pm).

**EAST: LATE at 10:30 am** for May (coffee follows)



## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild:** May. – Dawn Evjen

**Deacon:** May. – Terry Zieman

**Reader:** May 17 – Brian Mueller

**Acolytes:** Ushers are covering

**Coffee Servers:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. – Open week

## READINGS: May 17, 2026 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

**INTRODUCTION:** *In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 1:6-14: *Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his*

disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11: *Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11: *On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. OLAF PARISH CELEBRATING 170 YEARS IN 2026!!!



#### JOINT SERVICE at EAST CHURCH:

**Sunday, June 14, 2026... Save the date!!**

10:00 am: JOINT Worship service at East

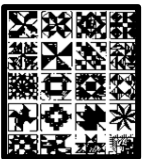
11:00 am: Fellowship, Music and Tverberg  
Cabin Walk-Throughs

### EAST ST. OLAF CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 21



8:30 am EAST Worship service,  
Then 9:30 am EAST Brunch  
Egg Bakes  
Fruit  
Muffins

### QUILT SHOW AT EAST ST. OLAF!



**Sat., July 11, 2026 (Save the date!)**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Refreshments will be available.

Save the date, more details to come.

### EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(05/10/2026) Current \$755 and Benevolence \$25.

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

*Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19<sup>th</sup> each month.*

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	WEST worship, <u>Communion</u>
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	EAST worship, <u>Communion</u>
		<i>East coffee after church</i>
<b>Monday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/ sack lunch
	7:00 pm	<b><u>DEADLINE to submit info</u></b> for the <i>combined June/July newsletter</i>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Friday:</b>	_____	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Sun. (05/24):</b>	8:30 am	WEST worship
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	EAST worship – wear red Pentecost
		<b><u>Baptism of Waylon York with a family dinner after the service</u></b>
		<i>East coffee after church</i>

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

<b>May 25 (Mon.):</b>	>>>	<b><u>OFFICE CLOSED: Memorial Day</u></b>
	7:30-10:30am	<b><u>West serving goodies &amp; coffee</u></b>
	8:25 am	<b><u>Legion Memorial Service at West</u></b>
<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	<b><u>Pastor Paul has a holiday, vacation days, days-off, from Mon., May 25 thru May 31</u></b>	
<b>May 26 (Tue.):</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/ sack lunch
<b>May 28 (Thur.):</b>	>>>>	<b><u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u></b> <i>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)</i>
<b>May 31: (Sun.)</b>	<b><u>Rev. Jim Rushton preaching at both churches</u></b>	
	8:30 am	WEST worship
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	EAST worship
		<i>East coffee after church</i>

## SCHEDULE FOR JUNE: SUMMER HOURS BEGIN!!

*EAST EARLY at 8:30 am for June (coffee follows)*

*WEST LATE at 10:00 am for June (coffee at 9:00 am)*

JOINT Worship 10am June 14 at EAST - fellowship following and walk-thru's of Tverberg cabin

<b>June 1 (Mon.):</b> 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>June 2 (Tue.):</b> 10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Noon	<u>East Circle 4 mtg/sack lunch</u>
<b>June 4 (Thur.):</b> 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>June 5 (Fri.):</b> -----	Pastor's day-off
<b>June 7 (Sun.):</b> 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>

### TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Jim Olson, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., 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

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