

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

April 26, 2026: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 May 10, with year-end bowling party at Mony's 10:30am-12:00 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: Apr. – Marylin Carlson & Audrey Carlson

Deacon: Apr. – Meghan Ohman

Reader: Apr. 26 - Jenni Braaten Winch

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 4th Sun. – Circle 4

READINGS: Apr. 26, 2026 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION: *Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.*

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47: *Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new*

community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

PSALM: Psalm 23

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25: *Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10: *Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR-END BOWLING PARTY: JAM & LUTHER LEAGUE!



The last day of JAM will be May 10. We will have a bowling party at Uncle Mony's from 10:30am-12:30pm. Both JAM kids and Luther League teens are invited to attend!

EAST ST. OLAF CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 10



East St. Olaf Mother's Day Sunday Dinner
May 10: 10:30 am Service, 11:30 am Lunch.
TATOR TOT HOTDISH
SALADS, DESSERTS
Meal served by the Men's Club

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

If you are willing to do scripture readings in May, please sign up at the lectern by the communion signature book. *Thank you.*

EAST MEMBERS: If you know of anyone who would like a get a card from East St. Olaf, please contact Jane Williams (507) 271-2272 (Talk or Text). *Help us share a blessing!*

PRAYER UPDATES:

Please inform Gina if you have prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19th each month.

TODAY	8:30 am	EAST worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	JAM at West, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship, Communion for <i>“First Holy Communion” of Grasyn Hiam, Grant Palmersheim</i>
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation at WEST</u>
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> <i>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)</i>
Friday:	_____	Pastor’s day off-work
Saturday:	>>>>	<u>SE MN SYNOD ASSEMBLY at MANKATO, MN</u>
Sun. (05/03)	8:30 am	WEST worship, <u>Communion</u> <i>also Baptism of Zoey Lucille Kruse</i>
	9:30 am	JAM at West, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	EAST worship, <u>Communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

May 4 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
May 5 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	Noon	<u>East Circle 4 Meeting-bring lunch</u> <i>(treats will be provided)</i>
	6:00 pm	<u>EAST church council meeting</u>

May 6 (Wed.): 7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
May 7 (Thur.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
May 8 (Fri.): _____	Pastor's day off-work
May 9 (Sat.): 10:00 am	<u>East Women's meeting in church</u> <u>basement - for all East women</u>
May 10: (Sun.) 8:30 am	WEST worship
9:30 am	<u>JAM - last day, also West coffee</u>
10:30 am-12:30 pm	<u>YEAR-END BOWLING PARTY</u> <u>for all JAM kids & Luther League</u>
10:30 am	EAST worship - <u>then after church,</u> <u>EAST MOTHER'S DAY DINNER</u> <u>with East men serving the meal</u>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: 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*).

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