

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

April 26, 2026: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion / Holy Baptism

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

WELCA Chair(s): Apr. – Sharon Gulbransen

Altar Guild: Apr. – Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

Acolytes: Apr. 26 – Brayden Petersen

Reader: Apr. 26 – Debbie Schuck

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Apr. – Debbie Schuck

Stewardship: 4th Sunday – Church Council

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

TODAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Today we rejoice to welcome Grasyan Hiam and Grant Palmersheim to the Table of the Lord. May the Body and Blood of Christ strengthen them in faith and service all of their days.

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!

MEMORIAL DAY AT WEST ST. OLAF



Jane Estby will be in charge of the May 25 Memorial Day event. We will have a raffle for a beautiful patriotic quilt made by Jane Estby. It will be on display in the MBT bank in Hayfield prior to Memorial Day. The proceeds from that raffle and the lunch served, will benefit the Hayfield Legion color guard. This is a Thrivent Action Team mission. We will serve food from 7:30--10:30am and The Legion Color Guard will be at West at 8:25am.

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, <u>Communion</u> for <u>“First Holy Communion” of</u> <u>Grasyn Hiam, Grant Palmersheim</u>
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> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
Friday:	_____	Pastor’s day off-work
Saturday:	>>>>	<u>SE MN SYNOD ASSEMBLY at</u> <u>MANKATO, MN</u>
Sun. (05/03)	8:30 am	WEST worship, <u>Communion</u> <i>also</i> <u>Baptism of Zoey Lucille Kruse</u>
	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	East Circle 4 Meeting-bring lunch (<i>treats will be provided</i>)
	6:00 pm	EAST church council meeting
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	East Women’s meeting <i>in church</i>

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 – then after church, EAST MOTHER'S DAY DINNER <i>with East men serving the meal</i>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (*granddaughter of Joy*), Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*), Sterling Larson, Julie (*sister of Carma. B.*), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria & Boyd Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma B.*). **Serving in our military:** Jack Kenyon (*nephew of Will & Gail Laxen*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

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