

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

August 2, 2026: 10th Sun. after Pentecost

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.



SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

EAST EARLY at 8:30 am for Aug. (coffee follows)

WEST LATE at 10:00 am for Aug. (coffee at 9:00 am)

JOINT Worship 10am Aug. 9 at EAST - fellowship following

TASTE OF NORWAY 2:00-4:00pm Aug. 23 at EAST

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Aug. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Aug. – Jane Williams

Reader: Aug. 2 – Jenni Braaten Winch

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. – Quilting Sisters

READINGS: Aug. 2 2026: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 55:1-5: God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations,*

these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

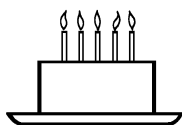
PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5: *This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21: *After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREATS FOR AUDREY CARLSON'S 90th BIRTHDAY!



TODAY, All at East worship are invited to enjoy birthday treats during coffee hour after church, in honor of Audrey Carlson's 90th birthday! *Goodies provided by Christie Thomason.*

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT WEST ST. OLAF

The memorial service for Elizabeth "Betty" Bjornson (*sister of Ardean Bjornson*), will be this Saturday, August 8, at 11:00 am (with visitation at 10:00 am), at West St. Olaf. Blessed be her memory.

TASTE OF NORWAY ANNUAL EVENT!!!



If you have ever wondered who exactly St. Olaf was, a skit called "Saint Olaf Himself" may interest you - it will be performed at the annual **Taste of Norway celebration on August 23 from 2:00-4:00 pm at EAST St. Olaf.** *This event is sponsored by the St. Olaf Heritage Association.* The skit begins at 2:15 in the sanctuary. A traditional hymn-sing led by the Hayfield vocal quartet, Hosannah, follows the skit. *Homemade Norwegian pastries including lefse, fattigmann and*

rosettes will be served downstairs. Tours of the historic Tverberg Log House, with golf cart transportation, will also be provided.

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

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

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 & <u>Communion- After Church</u> : All East worshipers are invited for coffee and treats for Audrey Carlson's 90 th birthday! (from Christie Thomason)
	9:00 am	West coffee
	10:00 am	West worship & <u>Communion</u>
Monday:	9-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>EAST Council meeting</u>
Thursday:	9-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday:	10:00am	<u>East WELCA meeting</u>
	>>>>>	West RESERVED (church & chapel) for memorial service
	10:00 am	<i>Visitation for Elizabeth Bjornson</i>
	11:00 am	Memorial service for Elizabeth "Betty" Bjornson at West
Aug. 9 (Sun.)	10:00 am	<u>JOINT worship at EAST church, with fellowship following</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Aug. 10 (Mon.)	9-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>WEST Council meeting</u>

Aug. 11 (Tue.) 10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Aug. 12 (Wed.) >>>>	<u>NO meeting</u> for West WELCA
>>> Pastor vacation August 13 – August 15 <<<	
Aug. 16 (Sun.) 8:30 am	East worship & <u>Communion</u>
9:00 am	<i>West coffee</i>
10:00 am	West worship & <u>Communion</u>
Aug. 17 (Mon.) 9-Noon	Pastor at office
Aug. 18 (Tue.) 10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Aug. 19 (Wed.) 7:00 pm	<u>DEADLINE</u> to submit reports & <u>info for Sept newsletter issue</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 Hugelback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Dalton Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia Torstenson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*); and in Army Basic Training: Dawson Meier.

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