

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, 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

WELCA Chair(s): Aug. – Jan Nordland and
Roxanne Weinmann

Altar Guild: Aug. – Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Reader: Aug. 2 - - Sue Hyland

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Aug. - Sue Hyland

Stewardship: 1st Sunday – Open in Summer

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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.*

WEST ST. OLAF SCHOOL KIT MISSION



WELCA is collecting school supplies again for Lutheran World Relief. There are boxes in the chapel and church to place your donations (due by Sept. 13) – the list is on top of the collection boxes and also in the August newsletter. Thank you. *This is a Thrivent Action Team project.*

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</u>
	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	EAST Council meeting
Thursday:	9-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday:	10:00am	East WELCA meeting
	>>>>>	West RESERVED (church & chapel) for memorial service
	10:00 am	<u>Visitation for Elizabeth Bjornson</u>
	11:00 am	<u>Memorial service for Elizabeth "Betty" Bjornson</u>
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 & Communion
9:00 am West coffee
10:00 am West worship & Communion

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Wilma Kylo, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (*granddaughter of Joy*), Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*), Julie (*sister of Carma. B.*), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), 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*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

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