

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

February 22, 2026: First Sunday in Lent

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.

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS



To verify if there is a cancellation for a church service or church activity, **please check: KTTC TV (channel 10 news); or online at www.kttc.com** and click on the tab for WEATHER - then click on Closings and Delays. Decisions are made by council presidents with the pastor.

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

MARCH: Both begin Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays



WEST EARLY at 8:30 am for Mar. (coffee 9:30 am)

JAM at 9:30 am at West for all students, also West coffee

EAST LATE at 10:30 am for Mar. (coffee follows)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Feb. – Danny Zieman

Deacon: Feb. - Jane Williams

Reader: Feb. 22- check signup sheet

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 4th Sun. – Circle 4

READINGS: Feb. 22, 2026 – First Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION: *Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to*

be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7: *Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

PSALM: Psalm 32

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19: *Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11: *Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION SUNDAYS AT EAST

East has communion today, Feb 22... **then beginning in MARCH, communion will take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at both churches** *(not counting any special holiday dates when we may also do communion).*

THRIVENT DESIGNATIONS:

Thrivent "Choice Dollars" from 2025 can still be directed until March 31, by calling **800-847-4836**. When prompted, say "Thrivent Choice". Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars. *A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.*

SERVERS FOR EAST LENTEN SUPPERS:

Feb. 25: Circle 4 serving Lenten meal.

March 11: Sarah Circle serving Lenten meal.

March 25: Council Members serving Lenten meal.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER OFFERING ON MARCH 18



The free-will offering on March 18 (at the soup supper at West church), will go to the Hayfield Food Pantry to help those less fortunate - the need is great. This meal is co-sponsored by Thrivent.

SPRING DINNER: BOTH EAST & WEST WELCOME!!! ON PALM SUNDAY (March 29)



10:30 Worship at East,
then at 11:30 Dinner Starts

East & West are both welcome!!

MENU: Ham and Scalloped Potatoes ,
Veggies, Fruit, & Dessert

Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$6 for 12 and under
Hosted by Circle 4 at East St Olaf

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>Comm.</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	9:00am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
Wednesday:	9:00am	West quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST</u> <u>(supper by East Circle 4)</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST</u>
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. (03/01)	8:30 am	West worship <u>Comm.</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

- Mar. 2 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 3 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
>>>>> **JOINT Council Meeting at EAST**
6:00 pm – Individual meetings
7:00 pm – Joint meeting begins
- Mar. 4 (Wed.):** 6:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten supper @ WEST**
(supper by JAM & LL)
7:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten Worship @ WEST**
- Mar. 5 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 6 (Fri.):** _____ Pastor's day off-work
- Mar. 8 (Sun.):** >>> **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
8:30 am West worship
9:30 am JAM classes, also West coffee
10:30 am East worship

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Gary Braaten (*dad of Jenni Braaten Winch*), Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Pat Raasch (*friend of Becky Brakke*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, 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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