

Joint Worship at East St. Olaf

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

July 20, 2025: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Paul Thompson

Organist: Pat Nelson

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:



If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (in narthex).

Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.



JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

EAST 8:30 am worship with coffee after church

WEST 10:00 am worship with coffee after church

>>> JOINT SERVICE July 20 in EAST church

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: July – Dawn Evjen

Deacon: July: Mary Madson

Reader: July 20 – Mary Madson

Acolytes: Ushers covering

Coffee Hour: by the St. Olaf Heritage Association

READINGS: Sunday, July 20, 2025 6th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!" – to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a: *The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.*

PSALM: Psalm 15

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28: *This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you."*

Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42: During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: I want to thank West St. Olaf for your thoughts and prayers as I am doing well. ~ *Sincerely, Wilma Kyllö* ~

FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MUSIC AT KASSON

Grace Methodist Church at 801 5th Ave. NW Kasson is having a free ice cream social on Mon., July 28 from 6:00-8:00 pm (root beer floats and ice cream sundaes). There will be entertainment by HoneyShine Hollow. *Everyone one is welcome to attend.*

NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS FALL!!!

At the June joint council meeting, the joint council voted to try a new year-round schedule beginning in SEPTEMBER (*though starting times will still rotate monthly, between the two churches*).

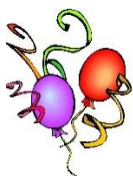
STARTING IN SEPTEMBER:

>EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Sept. at East – coffee always after)

>>> JAM at 9:30 am (RALLY DAY date is T.B.D)

>LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Sept. at West, coffee at 9:30 am)

60th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE



Saturday, August 16 from Noon – 3:00 pm will be a special time! Everyone is invited to attend the **60th Anniversary OPEN HOUSE** for **Gene & Sharon Gulbransen** at the West chapel. *Come share this very special day with the Gulbransen's!*

VBS WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



Join us for VBS, Saturday, August 23 until Sunday, August 24 at the West St. Olaf chapel. Check-in time is 3-3:30pm. We'll provide dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. JAM and Luther League kids are all welcome! Feel free to bring a friend! (If kids are not yet in third grade and want to sleep over, we ask that a parent stay over with them.) **PLEASE RSVP by email or text message:** WestStOlafJAM@gmail.com or text to 507-206-9839.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for newsletter info - by approx. the 20th day, each month.

TODAY	10:00 am	JOINT SERVICE in East Church <u>Coffee/fellowship after the service</u>
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	NOON	<u>DEADLINE to submit info for</u> <u>next newsletter</u>
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sunday 07/27		<u>[No organist at either church.]</u>
	8:30 am	EAST worship, <u>Communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:00 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:00 am	WEST worship, <u>Communion</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

July 28 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
July 29 (Tue.)	10:00 am	East quilting / sack lunch
July 31 (Thur.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)

AUGUST

WEST 8:30 am worship with coffee after church

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>>> **JOINT SERVICE August 17 in WEST church**

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: 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*).

West Prayers: Lexi Glynn, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Susie Thoe, Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma. B.*), Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma B.*), Gloria Brown, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria Pew, Boyd Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma B.*). Those 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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