

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

June 7, 2026: 2nd Sunday 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.



JUNE: SUMMER HOURS!

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

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

JOINT Worship 10am June 14 at EAST: *Food & fellowship following worship, and SOHA will open the Tverberg cabin*

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): June - Gail Laxen

Altar Guild: June – Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Reader: June 7 – Sheryl Wohlers

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: June: Sheryl Wohlers

Stewardship: 1st Sunday – Open in Summer

READINGS: June 7, 2026: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners – the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.*

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6: *Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw*

from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

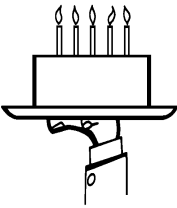
PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25: *Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26: *Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION THIS SATURDAY!



The Gulbransen's children: Kris, Wade, Tarra, and Tracy invite you to an **80th Birthday OPEN HOUSE for Sharon Gulbransen this Sat., June 13 from 1:00-4:00 pm** at Gulbransen's home. Food and beverages will be provided. *Stop by and wish Sharon a happy, happy birthday!*

ST. OLAF PARISH CELEBRATING 170 YEARS IN 2026!



JOINT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, June 14 at EAST St. Olaf:

10:00 am Joint Service at East - Celebrating 170 Years; BBQs, Chips, Pie and Ice Cream,

Special Music 11:00-12:30, SOHA is opening then Tverberg Cabin. *Donations from this event will first go to pay the musicians, and any extra will be put towards missions.*

SYNOD THANK YOU: A special thanks to your congregation for being part of the 2026 Synod Assembly Offering. As of June 1, \$19,030.25 has been shared in support of campus ministry, candidacy & the International Women Leaders of the ELCA. Your partnership and generosity are deeply appreciated.

CORRECTION: WEST WELCA JUNE EVENT IS JUNE 17:



>>> CORRECTION TO CALENDAR PAGE OF NEWSLETTER: Change the date for this event to JUNE 17 on your copy of the newsletter calendar (it was incorrectly listed as being on the 10th on the newsletter calendar page).

WEST MEN & WOMEN: Join us Wednesday, June 17, at NOON on the Chapel lawn for old fashioned outdoor activities for men and women. Please bring your lawn chair and get ready for bean bags, cards, checkers, cribbage, outdoor quilting-bee and whatever else we might dream up! We'll have a bite to eat and homemade ice cream for a special treat!!!
NOTE: If weather is inclement - we will have this event indoors at the chapel.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	8:30 am	East worship, <u>Communion / coffee</u>
	9:00 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:00 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	11:00 am	EAST baptism: Kyler Wiskow
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>	<u>JOINT Council Meeting @ WEST</u>
		<i>6:00 pm – Individual meetings</i>
		<i>7:00 pm – Joint meeting begins</i>
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	-----	Pastor's day-off
Saturday:	1-4:00 pm	<u>80th Birthday OPEN HOUSE for Sharon Gulbransen (at her home)</u>

Sun. (06/14) JOINT WORSHIP at EAST CHURCH:
10:00am Joint Worship at EAST Celebrating 170 Years!
BBQs, Chips, Pie and Ice Cream, Special Music 11am-12:30pm,
SOHA is opening the Tverberg Cabin for walk-throughs.

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

June 15 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

June 17 (Wed.): NOON

West WELCA event at CHAPEL:

For West men & women: Bring lawn chairs for old fashioned fun & food!

>> JUNE 17 thru June 21 Pastor Paul is on vacation! <<

June 21 (Sun.):

Rev. Jim Rushton is preaching

8:30 am

East worship, Communion

9:30 am

EAST Father's Day Brunch!!!

9:00 am

West coffee

10:00 am

West worship, Communion

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*), 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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