

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

April 29, 2026: Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday

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 cancelation 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 APRIL



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

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

WEST LATE at 10:30 am for Apr. (coffee 9:30 am)

NOTE: West Easter worship 10am (30 minutes earlier)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Mar. – Sheryl Wohlers

Altar Guild: Mar. – Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

Acolytes: Mar. 29 - Open

Reader: Mar. 29 – Sheryl Wohlers

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Mar.: Sue Hyland

Stewardship: 5th Sunday – Church Council

READINGS: Sun., March 29, 2026: Palm Sun./Passion Sun.

INTRODUCTION: Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11: *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a: *The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11: *Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14–27:66: *In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY



TODAY at 9:30 am JAM kid's will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt!! NOTE: *Luther League teens are needed to hide eggs & help hold palm fronds that day.*

**EAST & WEST BOTH WELCOME TO SPRING DINNER
TODAY AT EAST CHURCH!!!**



**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

THANK YOU: Dear Pastor Paul, Pat Nelson, WELCA, and Members of West St. Olaf: Thank for the overwhelming love and support shown during the passing of our Mom, Ginny Hyland. Your presence, prayers, compassion and hard work on the day of the funeral provided us with strength when we needed it most. We felt truly supported by the church community, and we are forever grateful for your help in honoring our Mom. ~ *In Christ, The Family of Ginny Hyland* ~

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.*

APRIL-ONLY COMMUNION DATES FOR WEST

During the month of April, WEST will have communion on April 5-Easter Day, then on April 26-we will have First Holy Communion (*as we had to cancel the original date due to a blizzard*).

LUTHER LEAGUE APRIL EVENT!

We are signed up to serve at the Ronald McDonald House on **Wednesday, April 15 - this will be in place of confirmation.** *Students are asked to sign up with Alli at 507-398-7769 ahead of time, as she needs to register all attendees in advance.* The time frame is 4-8:00 pm (with the meal being served at 6).

**WOMEN'S ZUMBRO RIVER CONFERENCE "SPRING EVENT": Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Zumbro Lutheran Church
624 Third Ave. SW Rochester, MN 55902**

Event Schedule:

9-9:30 am: Registration, Coffee & Displays

9:30 am: Program & Worship (Speaker: Pastor Shelley Cunningham)

12:00 pm: Lunch

>>Registration Deadline: Friday, April 10: Talk to your church's WELCA leaders regarding cost, registration, and/or if any women have plans to ride together.

REACHING OUT WITH COMPASSION: Please bring a love offering for Zumbro's Food Pantries. Items needed: Tuna or chicken pouches, ramen noodle cups, creamy peanut butter, Hormel "Compleats" shelf-stable microwave meals, and boxes of instant oatmeal packets.

PRAYER UPDATES:



Please inform Gina if you have prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19th each month.

TODAY Sun. (03/29)

8:30 am

9:30 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

PALM SUNDAY

WEST worship (NOT comm.)

JAM Easter Egg Hunt at WEST...

(LL teens deeded to help with egg hunt & hold palm fronds)

EAST worship, (NOT comm.)

East & West invited to "Spring Dinner" at East St. Olaf - prices listed in announcements section

Monday:

9am-Noon

Pastor at office

Tuesday: 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
 >>>> Deadline to designate Thrivent
 "Choice Dollars"

Thursday: 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 7:00 pm **BOTH: MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 service at EAST, with communion

Friday: 7:00 pm **BOTH: GOOD FRIDAY**
 service at WEST

Sun. 04/05 EASTER! HALLELUJAH! HE IS RISEN!

>> No JAM classes, No coffee hour at either church on Easter
 >> NOTE: West worship begins 30 minutes earlier on Easter
 8:30 am EAST worship, communion
10:00 am WEST worship, communion

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Apr. 6 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Apr. 7 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
 Noon East Circle 4 meeting-*bring lunch, treats will be provided.*
 6:00 pm East council meeting

Apr. 8 (Wed.): 1:00 pm West WELCA meeting in Hayfield at The Villa (hosts: Sally West and Nancy Peterson)
 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at WEST

Apr. 9 (Thur.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Apr. 10 (Fri.): _____ Pastor's day off-work
 >>> Deadline for women to register for the Zumbro Conf. "Spring Event"

Apr. 11 (Sat.): 10:00 am East Women's meeting at church
 1:00-5:00pm **EAST RESERVED** for a family birthday party at the church!

April 12: (Sun.) 8:30 am EAST worship
 East coffee after church
 9:30 am JAM at West, also West coffee
 10:30 am WEST worship

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Cassie Beaver (*granddaughter of Joy*), Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*), Sterling Larson, Jeff Thoe, Julie (*sister of Carma. B.*), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), 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*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Call before driving to office*)
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OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

SECRETARY: Gina Moser: (*Call before driving to office*)
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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC WEST: Steve Schuck 507-951-9718

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Vice President: Dave Peterson: 507-421-7579

Head Deacon, Sheryl Wohlers: 507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974