

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

July 19, 2026: 8th 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.



SCHEDULE FOR JULY

WEST EARLY at 8:30 am for July (*coffee at 9: am*)

EAST LATE at 10:00 am for July (*coffee follows*)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): July – Deb Schuck

Altar Guild: July – Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Reader: July 19 – Sheryl Wohlers (*also communion helper*)

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: July - Sheryl Wohlers

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

READINGS: July 19, 2026: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8: *There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel – and we – are redeemed.*

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25: *For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43: *Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: Pastor Paul is on vacation July 20 thru July 27:

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact

Pastor John Weisenberger of St. John's Kasson:

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Elizabeth "Betty" Bjornson (*sister of Ardean Bjornson*), will be August 8 at 11:00 am, at West St. Olaf. Blessed be her memory.

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 will also be in the August newsletter. Thank you. *This is a Thrivent Action Team project.*

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MUSIC (FREE EVENT)

Grace Methodist Church (801 5th Ave. NW, Kasson) invites everyone to an ice cream social Mon., July 27 from 6:00-8:00 pm with music by HoneyShine Hollow. Sundaes, Root Beer Floats! Bring lawn chairs (event moved inside if temp is higher than 80).

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	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	9:30 am	West coffee
	10:00 am	East worship, <u>Communion</u> & Baptism of Thea Yngsdal East coffee after church
Monday:	NOON	<u>DEADLINE to email info for the</u> <i><u>August edition of newsletter</u></i>

>> JULY 20 thru JULY 26 Pastor Paul is on vacation! <<

Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sun. (07/26)		<i>Rev. Jim Rushton is preaching</i> <i>Jeneane R. is organist</i>
	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	West coffee
	10:00 am	East worship East coffee after church

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

July 27 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
July 28 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
July 30 (Thur.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:35-collate)
July 31 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day-off

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 August 9 at EAST - fellowship following

Aug. 2 (Sun.)	8:30 am	East worship & <u>Communion</u>
	9:00 am	West coffee
	10:00 am	West worship & <u>Communion</u>

Aug. 3 (Mon.) 9-Noon	Pastor at office
Aug. 4 (Tue.) 10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
6:00 pm	EAST Council meeting
Aug. 6 (Thur.) 9-Noon	Pastor at office
Aug. 7 (Fri.): _____	Pastor's day off-work
Aug. 8 (Sat.) 10:00am	East WELCA meeting
>>>>>	<u>West RESERVED</u> (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, fellowship following</u>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Wilma Kyllö, 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 Hugelback, 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*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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