

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

May 3, 2026: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion & Holy Baptism

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

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

JAM at 9:30 am at West (last day May 10, with year-end bowling party at Mony's 10:30am-12:30 pm).

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



THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): May. – Jane Estby

Altar Guild: May – Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Usher – May & Summer

Reader: May 3 – Nancy Peterson

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: May: Carma Bjornson

Stewardship: 1st Sunday – Open in Summer

READINGS: May 03, 2026 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION: *As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ – our way, our truth, our life.*

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60: *Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free*

to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10: *Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14: *On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



Zoey Lucille Kruse will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today, May 3, 2026, at West St. Olaf. Her parents are Crystal Narveson & Bryer Kruse. Her sponsors are Blake Kruse, Alexis Kruse, Ella Twaddle, and Jenny Twaddle.
God's blessing upon baby Zoey.

YEAR-END BOWLING PARTY: JAM & LUTHER LEAGUE!



The last day of JAM will be May 10. We will have a bowling party at Uncle Mony's from 10:30am-12:30pm. Both JAM kids and Luther League teens are invited to attend!

MEMORIAL DAY AT WEST ST. OLAF



Jane Estby will be in charge of the May 25 Memorial Day event. *We have a raffle for a beautiful patriotic quilt made by Jane Estby.* It will be on display in the MBT bank in Hayfield prior to Memorial Day. The proceeds from that raffle and the lunch served, will benefit the Hayfield Legion color guard. This is a Thrivent Action Team mission. **We will serve food from 7:30--10:30am and Legion Color Guard will be at West at 8:25am.**

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 and Baptism of Zoey Lucille Kruse</u>
	9:30 am	JAM at West, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	EAST worship, <u>Communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	Noon	East Circle 4 Meeting-bring lunch <i>(treats will be provided)</i>
	6:00 pm	EAST church council meeting
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday:	10:00 am	East Women's meeting <i>in church basement – for all East women</i>
Sun. 05/10	8:30 am	WEST worship
	9:30 am	<u>JAM – last day, also West coffee</u>
	<u>10:30 am-12:30 pm</u>	<u>YEAR-END BOWLING PARTY</u> <u>for all JAM kids & Luther League</u>
	10:30 am	EAST worship

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

May 11 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>WEST church council meeting</u>
May 12 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
May 13 (Wed.):	1:00 pm	<u>West WELCA meeting at chapel</u> <i>Host – Margaret Senjem</i> <i>Study – Pastor Paul</i>
May 14 (Thur.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
May 15 (Fri.):	_____	Pastor's day off-work

May 17: (Sun.) 8:30 am WEST worship, Communion
9:30 am West coffee
10:30 am EAST 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*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

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