

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” #536

Dismissal Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Please hold in prayer this week

Lori Storms	Peg Scott
Boyd Lundquist	Wendy
Sandy Schmidt	Charlotte Sandeen

Worship Leaders for April 21

Preacher Bryant Bakkum

Organist Barb Steers

Acolyte

Lector Gordon Decker

Run A/V Josh Bugbee

Ushers Kevin & Joan
Abraham

Altar Guild Jamie & Lori Scott

Altar Flowers Todd & Linda John-
son

Fellowship Lowell & Mary Bye

Worship Leaders for April 28

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Organist Barb Steers

Acolyte

Lector Kyle Bakkum

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Ushers Larry Goetze & Doug
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God Invites Our Generosity

4/14/24 Offering: \$1,508

Attendance: 68

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD
I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR YOU
I CALL MY OWN BY THEIR NAME.



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing", vs. 1, 2, 4 & 8 #362

Greeting

This Is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Kid's Sermon

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go" page 142

The Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

Sermon

Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #502

Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song "We Are an Offering" #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving page 144

Holy, Holy, Holy page 144

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven... page 145

Communion Hymns "Lamb of God" page 146

"I Am the Bread of Life" #485

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.