

## Sending

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

#774

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

### Please hold in prayer this week

Daniel Berg	Angie Pantlin
Wendy	Bob Steege
Carol Bastianello	Charles Massey
Mabel Hughes	Roger Sames
Koreen Larson	

### Worship Leaders for April 26

<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Decker
<b>Run A/V</b>	Josh Bugbee
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Goetze & Terry Hughes
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lori & Jamie Scott
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Pancake Breakfast

### Worship Leaders for May 3

<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Lector</b>	Paul Lundquist
<b>Run A/V</b>	Jason Wieland
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Goetze & Mark Lundquist
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Olav & Ruth Steen
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Cindy Comer & Carey Koppenberg

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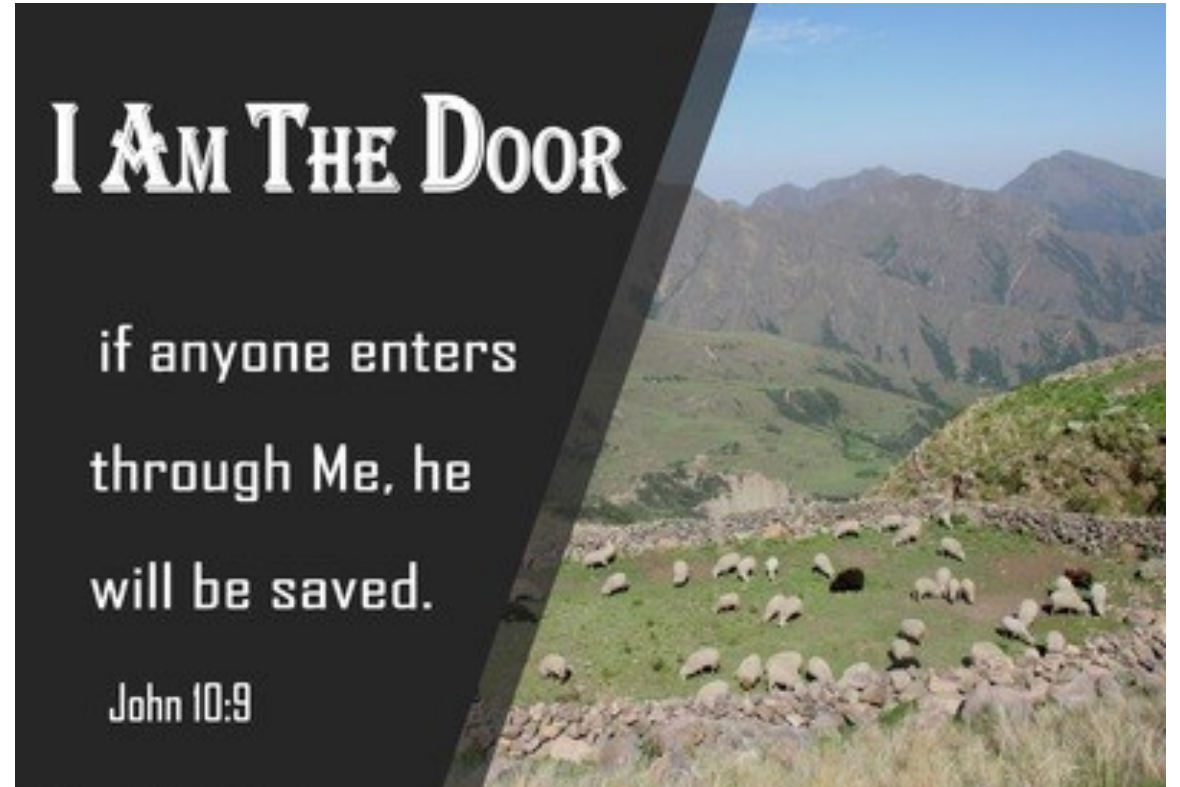
### God Invites Our Generosity

4/19/26 Offering (envelopes & online giving): \$5,047

Attendance: 98

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



## East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

## Gathering

### Welcome

#### Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**  
Let us confess our sin to God. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" #385  
**Kyrie & Glory to God** page 138

#### Prayer of the Day

**O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Word

### Kid's Sermon

#### First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

#### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R**  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

#### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

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

#### The Holy Gospel John 10:1-10

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

**Sermon** Pastor Bryant Bakkum  
**Hymn of the Day** "The Lord's My Shepherd" #778  
**Apostles' Creed** page 105  
**Sharing of the Peace**

#### Offering

**Offertory Song** "We Are an Offering" #692

**Offering Prayer**—Let us pray together:

**God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

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