

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Abide in Me

And

I in you.

John 15:4

East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota



Please hold in prayer this week

Lori Storms
Boyd Lundquist
Sandy Schmidt

Peg Scott
Wendy
Charlotte Sandeen

Worship Leaders for April 28

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist Barb Steers
Acolyte
Lector Kyle Bakkum
Run A/V Josh Bugbee
Ushers Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild Jamie & Lori Scott
Altar Flowers Kyle & Laurie Bakkum
Fellowship Ron & Sandy Hitzeman

Worship Leaders for May 5

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist Barb Steers
Acolyte
Lector Mel Simonson
Run A/V Jamie & Lori Scott
Ushers Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild Rick & Connie Beck
Altar Flowers Cheryl Hubbard
Fellowship Mark & Brenda Lundquist, Barb Steers

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God Invites Our Generosity

4/21/24 Offering: \$4,117
Attendance: 64

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 "There in God's Garden", vs. 1, 4 & 6 **#342**

Greeting

Kyrie **page 138**

Glory to God **page 139**

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

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

The Holy Gospel John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

Sermon **Pastor Bryant Bakkum**

Hymn of the Day "We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord" **#690**

Apostles' Creed **page 105**

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.

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

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

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" **#367**

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

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!