

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

#548

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

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Please hold in prayer this week

Lori Storms	Peg Scott
Boyd Lundquist	Wendy
Sandy Schmidt	Charlotte Sandeen

Worship Leaders for April 7

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist Barb Steers
Acolyte
Lector Kathy Schallberg
Run A/V Josh Bugbee
Ushers Kyle Bakkum
Altar Guild Jamie & Lori Scott
Altar Flowers Tami Johnson
Fellowship

Worship Leaders for April 14

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist Barb Steers
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God Invites Our Generosity

3/31/24 Offering: \$3,346; Easter Offering: \$1,612;
Maundy Thursday/Good Friday: \$315
3/31/24 Attendance: 150

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



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 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" #384

Greeting

This Is the Feast page 140

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

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

The Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain", vs. 1, 4 & 5 #363

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

"Beautiful Savior" #838

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.