



Lent

We are looking forward to worshipping with our Sister church West Union again this year. Here is an outline of the Lenten Season.

Midweek Lenten Services (*February 21, 28 & March 6 @ West Union. March 13 & 20 @ East Union*)

- Meal @ 6 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Service @ 7 pm, Sanctuary
- Service structure: Holden Evening Prayer



Maundy Thursday

- March 28 @ 7 pm at East Union

Good Friday

- March 29 @ 7 pm at West Union



February 14, 2024 • 7:00 p.m. Worship

Gathering

Welcome
Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.** Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Come, Ye Disconsolate” #607

Greeting

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Psalm 51

Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord” page 142

The Holy Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

Sermon Pastor Adam Teske

Hymn of the Day “Savior, When in Dust to You” #601
Confession of Sin page 252

Imposition of Ashes

Offering

Offertory Song “Create in Me a Clean Heart” #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” #592

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” #319

Dismissal Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God!**