

Sending

Benediction
Sending Hymn
Dismissal

“Jesus Shall Reign”
Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

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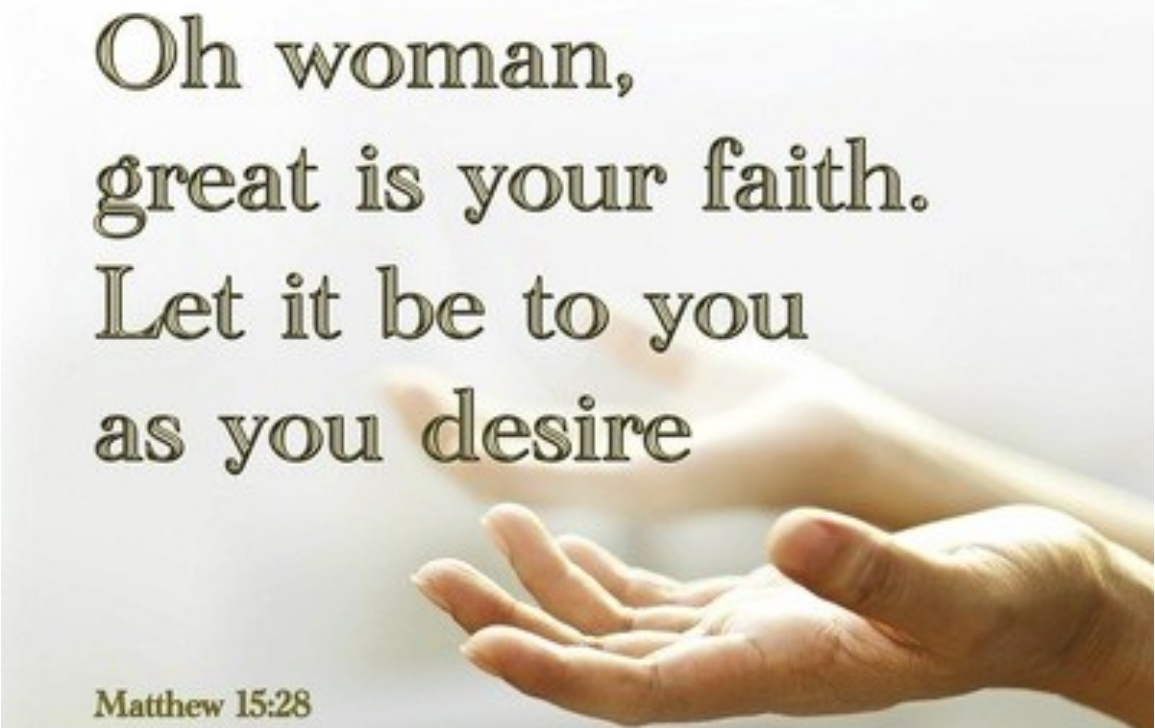
Please hold in prayer this week Daniel Berg Wendy Carol Bastianello Bob & Jean Edlund Jacki Bowers Chris Stai Danielle & Margot Ebeling Koreen Larson Charles Massey Beth Martin Steve Wiebe Racheal Maxwell Joy Zangl			
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God Invites Our Generosity

8/9/26 Offering (envelopes & online giving): \$1,793
Attendance: 84

Pentecost

August 16, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

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 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” **#886**
Greeting & This Is the Feast **page 149**

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid's Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” **page 151**

The Holy Gospel Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

Sermon **Pastor Paul Stork**

Hymn of the Day “Healer of Our Every Ill” **#612**

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” **#182**

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy **page 152**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven... **page 154**

Communion “Lamb of God” page 154

“You Servants of God” #825

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.