

Pentecost

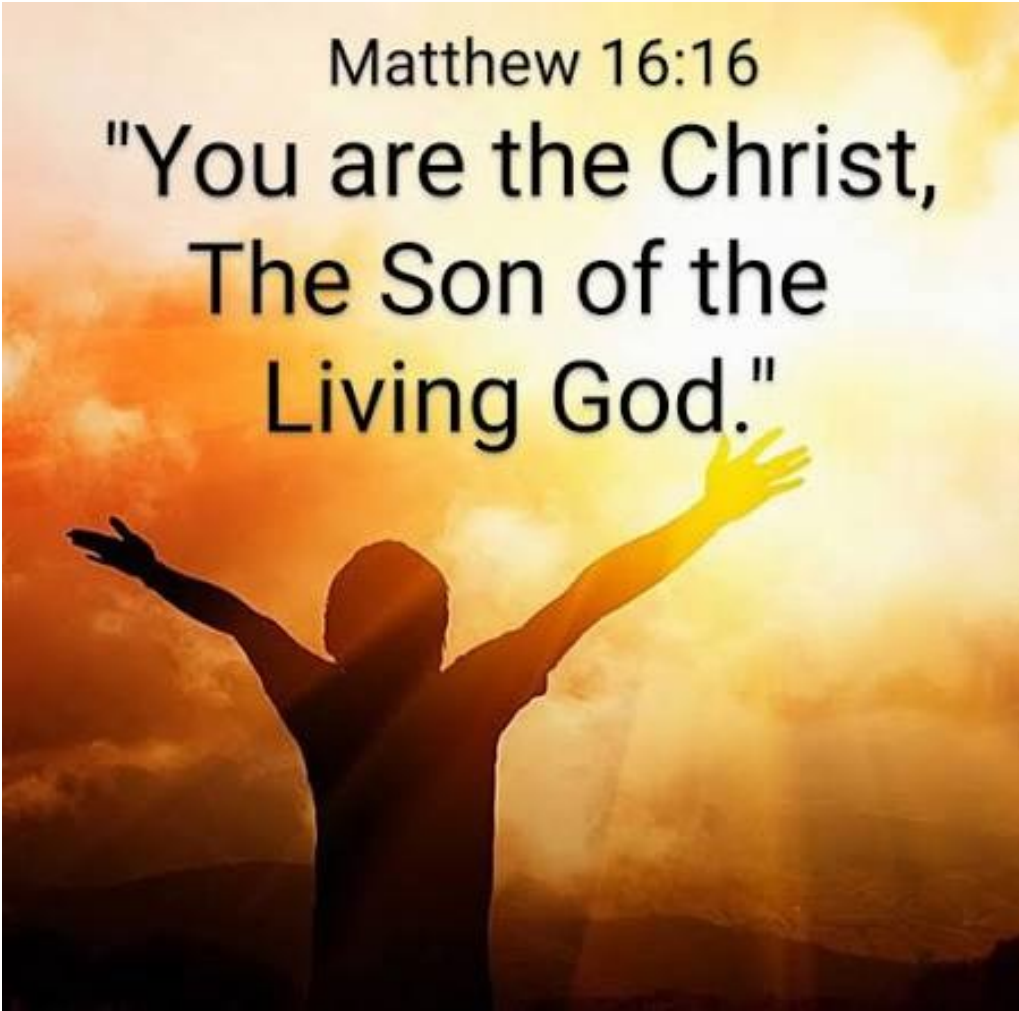
August 23, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

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

Worship Leaders for August 23		Worship Leaders for August 30	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers	Organist	Barb Steers
Lector	Tami Johnson	Lector	Todd Johnson
Run A/V	Shane Carmelich	Run A/V	Josh Bugbee
Ushers	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen	Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	Todd & Linda Johnson	Altar Guild	Todd & Linda Johnson
Altar Flowers	Sandy Hitzeman	Altar Flowers	
Fellowship	Carol Brahee & Mollie Furman	Fellowship	Sandy, Larry & Stephanie

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God Invites Our Generosity
8/16/26 Offering (envelopes & online giving): \$3,667
Attendance: 66



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 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” #786
Kyrie & Glory to God page 147

Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God’s deliverance will come soon and will never end.

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God’s merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit’s renewing work. God’s grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

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

The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus’ ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum
Hymn of the Day “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” #596
Apostles’ Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “We Give Thee but Thine Own” #686

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 154

Sending

Benediction
Sending Hymn “O Savior, Precious Savior” #820
Dismissal Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.