

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Please hold in prayer this week	
Lori Storms	Terry Irwin
Boyd Lundquist	Debbie
Sandy Schmidt	Anne
Karyn Baell	Wendy
Peg Scott	

Worship Leaders for December 10		Worship Leaders for December 17	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers	Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte		Acolyte	Gracelynn Heggstad
Lector	Melina Simonson	Lector	Sarah Brendel
Run A/V	Josh Bugbee	Run A/V	Josh Bugbee
Ushers	Dwight & Janet Schultz	Ushers	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen
Altar Guild		Altar Guild	Olav & Ruth Steen
Fellowship		Fellowship	Food & Fellowship—Potluck

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God Invites Our Generosity
12/3/23 Offering: \$3,863
Attendance: 77

Advent
Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.



East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Welcome
Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation. **Amen.** God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Everlasting God, **you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation’s bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God’s covenant is eternal, and God’s blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Prepare the Royal Highway” #264

Greeting

Kyrie page 147

Glory to God page 148

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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

Advent Wreath Song “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”, vs. 2 #240

Special Music “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Chimes

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God’s people in Babylon is over. God will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for the sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of God.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.

Gospel Acclamation page 151

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus’ birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “All Earth Is Hopeful” #266

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:

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

The Lord’s Prayer Our Father in heaven... page 154

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn “Hark, the Glad Sound!” #239

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!