

## ***Sending***

### **Benediction**

### **Sending Hymn**

“Cold December Flies Away”

#299

### **Dismissal**

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace Proclaim this good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Please hold in prayer this week**

Lori Storms

Boyd Lundquist

Sandy Schmidt

Peg Scott

Terry Irwin

Debbie

Wendy

Family of Ethan Grimm

### **Worship Leaders for December 31**

**Preacher** Bryant Bakkum

**Pianist** Ann Decker

**Acolyte** Gracelynn Heggstad

**Lector** Kathy Schallberg

**Run A/V**

**Ushers** Tom & Judi Strobel,  
Taylor Breimhorst

**Altar Guild** Jamie & Lori Scott

**Altar Flowers**

**Fellowship**

### **Worship Leaders for January 7**

**Preacher** Bryant Bakkum

**Organist** Barb Steers

**Acolyte**

**Lector** Sarah Brendel

**Run A/V**

**Ushers**

**Altar Guild** Ann & Gordon Decker

**Altar Flowers**

**Fellowship**

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### **God Invites Our Generosity**

12/24/23 Offering: \$3,428

Christmas Eve Special Offering: \$1,375

## **First Sunday of Christmas**

December 31, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

# Mine Eyes Have Seen



# Your Salvation

## ***East Union Lutheran Church***

*Carver, Minnesota*

Gathering

Hymn Sing  
Welcome  
Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen.** Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life, **you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In ☩ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” #289

Greeting

Kyrie (booklet) page 3

Now the Feast and Celebration (booklet) page 4

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10—62:3

*To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that God’s salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.*

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

*Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ’s birth was to liberate us from the law’s condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God’s family as beloved children.*

Gospel Acclamation page 151

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

*Luke’s narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus’ connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.*

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” #272

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:

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving page 152

Holy, Holy, Holy page 153

Words of Institution

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

Communion Hymns “Lamb of God” page 154

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” #290

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” #283

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.