

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“The King Shall Come”

#260

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please hold in prayer this week

Lori Storms
Boyd Lundquist
Sandy Schmidt
Karyn Baell
Peg Scott

Sierra Monahan
Terry Irwin
Debbie
Anne
Wendy

Worship Leaders for December 3

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist Barb Steers
Acolyte Gracelynn Heggstad
Lector Paul Lundquist
Run A/V Jamie & Lori Scott
Ushers Mark & Brenda Lundquist

Altar Guild Jeri Bowers
Altar Flowers Todd & Linda Johnson
Fellowship Chris Hallin & Carrie Hron

Worship Leaders for December 10

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist Barb Steers
Acolyte
Lector Melina Simonson
Run A/V Josh Bugbee
Ushers Dwight & Janet Schultz

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God Invites Our Generosity

11/26/23 Attendance: 71

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

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 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #257

Greeting
This Is the Feast page 149
Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father 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. 1 #240
Special Music “Keep Your Lamps” Choir
Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

Gospel Acclamation page 151

The Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum
Hymn of the Day “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” #436
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 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.

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
“One Bread, One Body” #496

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:
Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.