

***Sending***

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn**                      “Prepare the Royal Highway”                      **#264**

**Dismissal**    Go in peace. Keep awake.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please hold in prayer this week	
Boyd Lundquist	Katie Yanez
Daniel Berg	Angie Pantlin
Wendy	Bob Steege
Carol Bastianello	Charles Massey
Mabel Hughes	Roger Sames

Worship Leaders for December 7		Worship Leaders for December 14	
<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum	<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers	<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Acolyte</b>		<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	Erica Wirtz	<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Coleman
<b>Run A/V</b>		<b>Run A/V</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Kyle Bakkum	<b>Ushers</b>	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ole & Ruth Steen	<b>Altar Guild</b>	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Dwight & Janet Schultz	<b>Fellowship</b>	Potluck

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**God Invites Our Generosity**

11/30/25 Offering: \$2,948

Attendance: 58

**Second Sunday of Advent**

December 7, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

***Advent***  
*Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.*



***East Union Lutheran Church***

*Carver, Minnesota*

Gathering

Hymn Sing  
Welcome, Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Long-expected God, **we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God’s timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God’s own righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” #244

Greeting & This Is the Feast #166

Prayer of the Day

**Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

Special Music “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Barb & Gordon

Kid’s Sermon

Advent Wreath Song “He Came Down”, vs. 2 #253

*He came down that we may have light; He came down that we may have light; He came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.*

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

*Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David’s royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king’s son;  
**That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

*God’s promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God’s blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God’s family.*

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

The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” #249

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:

**Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. 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 Hymns “Lamb of God” page 154

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” #836

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

**God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**