

Sending

**Benediction**  
**Sending Hymn**                    “I’m Going on a Journey”                    **#446**  
**Dismissal**    Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God!**

Please hold in prayer this week	
Lori Storms	Peg Scott
Boyd Lundquist	Wendy
Sandy Schmidt	Charlotte Sandeen

Worship Leaders for February 18		Worship Leaders for February 25	
<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>	Kyle Bakkum	<b>Lector</b>	Mel Simonson
<b>Run A/V</b>	Jamie & Lori Scott	<b>Run A/V</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Kyle Bakkum & Gordon Decker	<b>Ushers</b>	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dave & Jan Lundquist	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dave & Jan Lundquist
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Vonda & Brad Gulden
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**God Invites Our Generosity**  
2/11/24 Offering: \$7,869, Attendance: 74  
Spaghetti Dinner: ~\$4,882

Lent

February 18, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



**East Union Lutheran Church**  
*Carver, Minnesota*

Gathering

Welcome  
Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.** Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Jesus, Still Lead On” #624

Greeting

Kyrie page 147

Glory to God page 148

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

*Today’s reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

*As God acted through Christ’s suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord” page 151

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:9-15

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God’s reign.*

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “Thy Holy Wings” #613

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:

**Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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 Hymn “Lamb of God” page 154

“Beautiful Savior” #838

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

**Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**