

# Epiphany

February 23, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

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

Worship Leaders for February 23		Worship Leaders for March 2	
<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum	<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers	<b>Pianist</b>	Ann Decker
<b>Acolyte</b>		<b>Lector</b>	Kyle Bakkum
<b>Lector</b>	Barb Steers	<b>Run A/V</b>	Jason Wieland
<b>Run A/V</b>	Lori & Jamie Scott	<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Todd & Linda Johnson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dave & Jan Lundquist	<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Vonda & Brad Gulden	<b>Fellowship</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Kevin & Joan Abraham, Tom & Nadine Lundquist		

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2/16/25 Offering: \$2,796  
Attendance: 57



*East Union Lutheran Church*  
*Carver, Minnesota*

Gathering

Welcome, Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.** Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	#656
Greeting		
Kyrie		page 147
Glory to God		page 148
Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:		

**O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

Kid’s Sermon		
Special Music	“Bind Us Together”	Chimes
First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15		

*Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

*In the Apostles’ Creed, we speak of the “resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.” Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ’s perfect life into eternity.*

Gospel Acclamation	page 151
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.	

The Holy Gospel Luke 6:27-38

*Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God’s intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.*

Sermon	Pastor Bryant Bakkum
Hymn of the Day	“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive” #605
Apostles’ Creed	page 105
Sharing of the Peace	
Offering	
Offertory Song	“We Are an Offering” #692
<i>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.</i>	

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

Prayers of the People	Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
The Lord’s Prayer	Our Father, who art in heaven... page 154

Sending

Benediction	
Sending Hymn	“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” #608
Dismissal	Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.