

# Lent

February 25, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

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

Worship Leaders for February 25		Worship Leaders for March 3	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers	Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte		Acolyte	
Lector	Mel Simonson	Lector	Tami Johnson
Run A/V		Run A/V	
Ushers	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen	Ushers	Taylor Breimhorst & Tom Strobel
Altar Guild	Dave & Jan Lundquist	Altar Guild	Rich & Kathy Schallberg
Altar Flowers	Vonda & Brad Gulden	Altar Flowers	Kathy Coleman
Fellowship	Randy & Tami Johnson	Fellowship	

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God Invites Our Generosity

2/18/24 Offering: \$2,063

Attendance: 65



*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 “O Word of God Incarnate” #514

Greeting

Kyrie page 147

Glory to God page 148

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

Special Music “He Leadeth Me” Pastor Bryant & Barb

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah’s womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God’s promise.*

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord” page 151

The Holy Gospel Mark 8:31-38

*After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter’s response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.*

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” #667

Apostles’ Creed page 105

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 all creation, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” #802

Dismissal Go in peace. You are God’s beloved. Thanks be to God!