Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn	"Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song"	#808
Dismissal	Go in peace. Serve in love. Thanks be to God!	

	-	prayer this week	
Diane (Sister of Du Lois Gustafson Margee Baker Lori Storms	uwaine & Larry)	Boyd Lundquist Tom Fisher Chris Goetze	
Worship Leade	rs for February 26	Worship Leade	ers for March 5
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Pianist	Ann Decker	Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte		Acolyte	
Lector	Sarah Brendel	Lector	Kathy Schallberg
Run A/V	Josh Bugbee	Run A/V	. 0
Ushers	Taylor Breimhorst & Gracie Heggestad	Ushers Altar Guild	Rich & Kathy
Altar Guild	Dave & Jan Lundquist		Schallberg
Altar Flowers		Altar Flowers	
Fellowship		Fellowship	Grimms, Dave & Jan Lundquist
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God Invites Our Generosity

2/19/23 Offering: \$2,282 Attendance: 60, Live Stream: 29

Lent

February 26, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness **MATTHEW 4:1**

East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.** Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

Holy God, we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn	"The Glory of These Forty Days"	#320
Greeting		
Kyrie		page 138
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Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Kid's Sermon

Special Music

Word

Josh & Ted

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

Gospel Acclamation	"Return to the Lord"	page 142
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The Holy Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

Sermon	Pastor Bryant Bakkum	
Hymn of the Day	"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"	#325
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Sharing of the Peace		
Offering		
Offertory Song	"We Are an Offering"	#692
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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 good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of the People	Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.	
The Lord's Prayer	Our Father in heaven	page 145