

## ***Sending***

### **Benediction**

#### **Sending Hymn**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

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**Dismissal** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

#### **Worship Leaders for January 25**

<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Johnson
<b>Run A/V</b>	Lori & Jamie Scott
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kyle Bakkum & Stephanie Cardinal
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Tami Johnson
<b>Fellowship</b>	Annual Meeting

#### **Worship Leaders for February 1**

<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Decker
<b>Run A/V</b>	Jason Wieland
<b>Ushers</b>	Ole & Ruth Steen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dave & Jan Lundquist
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Mike & Kathy Coleman
<b>Fellowship</b>	

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#### **God Invites Our Generosity**

1/18/26 Offering: \$7,640  
Attendance: 53

## ***Epiphany***

January 25, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



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

## Gathering

### Welcome, Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**                    "Thy Strong Word", vs. 1, 5 & 6

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**Kyrie & Glory to God**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Word**

**Kid's Sermon**

**Special Music**                    "Good Christian Folk, Rejoice!"                    **Pastor Bryant & Todd**

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

**Psalm 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

**Gospel Acclamation**                    "Listen, God Is Calling", refrain, vs. 1, refrain                    #513

**The Holy Gospel Matthew 4:12-23**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

**Sermon**

**Pastor Bryant Bakkum**

**Hymn of the Day**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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**Apostles' Creed**

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**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**Offertory Song**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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**Offering Prayer**—Let us pray together:

**God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**                    Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**                    Our Father, who art in heaven...

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