

**Prayer after Communion**—Let us pray together:

**Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

***Sending***

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn**                    “To Be Your Presence”                    **#546**

**Dismissal**                    Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

**Please hold in prayer this week**

Peggy Scott	Lori Storms
Diane (Sister of Duwaine & Larry)	Boyd Lundquist
Lois Gustafson	Tom Fisher
Margee Baker	Chris Goetze

**Worship Leaders for January 29**

<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	Evelyn Grimm
<b>Run A/V</b>	Josh Bugbee
<b>Ushers</b>	Olav & Ruth Steen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jeri Bowers

**Worship Leaders for February 5**

<b>Preacher</b>	Jeanne Aamot
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Acolyte</b>	Victoria Wirtz
<b>Lector</b>	Melina Simonson
<b>Run A/V</b>	Jason Wieland
<b>Ushers</b>	Ted & Erica Wirtz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dave & Jan Lundquist

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# Epiphany

January 29, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



***East Union Lutheran Church***

*Carver, Minnesota*

**God Invites Our Generosity**

1/22/23 Offering: \$11,218  
Attendance: 65, Live Stream: 22

## Gathering

**Hymn Sing**  
**Ringing of the Bell**  
**Welcome**

### Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** “Let Justice Flow like Streams” #717

### Greeting

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**Prayer of the Day**—Let us pray together:

**Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Word

### Kid’s Sermon

#### First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

*With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.*

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*According to the world’s standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

**Gospel Acclamation** “Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” #312

*Jesus, come! For we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord; now, as once at Cana’s wedding, speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.*

### The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

*Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

**Sermon** Pastor Bryant Bakkum

**Hymn of the Day** “Blest Are They” #728

**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:

**Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

## Meal

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**Holy, Holy, Holy** page 144

**The Lord’s Prayer** Our Father, who art in heaven... page 145

**Communion Hymns** “Lamb of God” page 146

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup” #492

“One Bread, One Body” #496