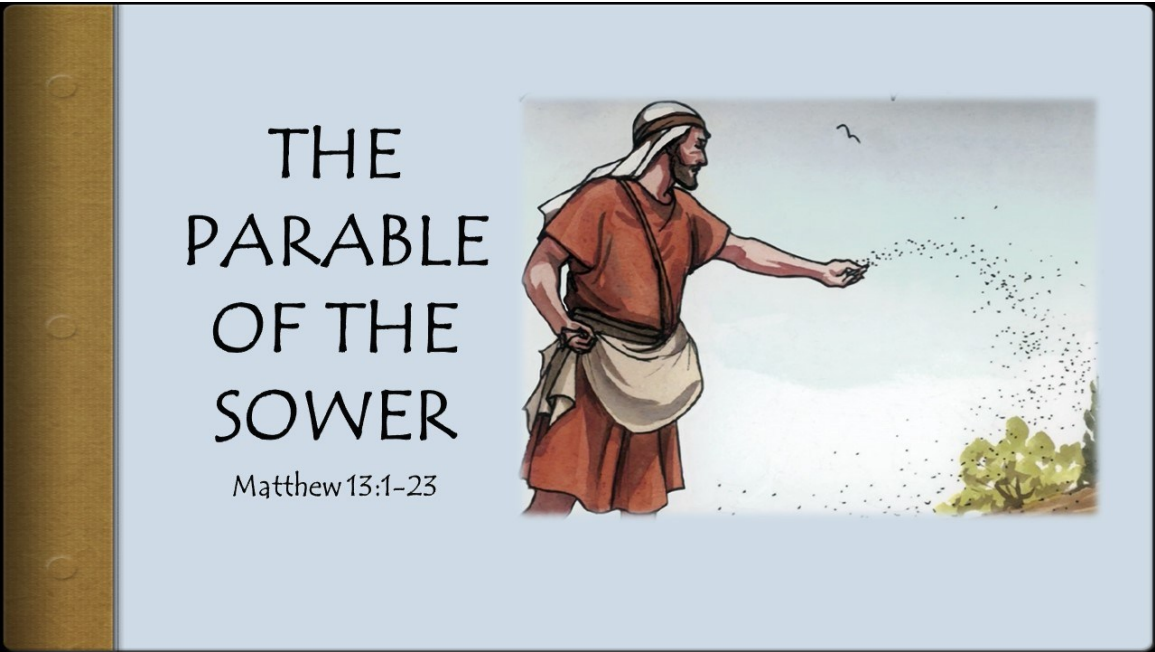


Pentecost

July 12, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Please hold in prayer this week			
Daniel Berg		Mabel Hughes	
Wendy		Koreen Larson	
Carol Bastianello		Charles Massey	
Bob & Jean Edlund		Beth Martin	
Worship Leaders for July 12		Worship Leaders for July 19	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	William Heisley
Organist	Lynn Seppman	Organist	Barb Steers
Lector	Chris Hallin	Lector	Ann Decker
Run A/V		Run A/V	Jamie & Lori
Ushers	Kyle Bakkum & Terry Hughes	Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	Jon & Patty Johnson	Altar Guild	Jon & Patty Johnson
Altar Flowers	Kyle & Laurie Bakkum	Altar Flowers	Sandy Hitzeman
Fellowship	Kent & Rochelle Hasse	Fellowship	Kelli Snapp—Carver Ridge
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Office Hours		Office Hours	
Tues. & Thurs. 9am—1pm		Mon.—Wed. 8:30am—Noon	

God Invites Our Generosity
7/5/26 Offering (envelopes & online giving): \$5,569
Attendance: 79



East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Welcome
Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever. Amen.
Let us confess our sin to God. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “What Is This Place” #524
Kyrie & Glory to God page 138

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.
By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it,
and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

Special Music Ann & Gordon Decker

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

God’s word to Israel’s exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

Psalms 65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.
To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.
Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” page 142
The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew’s gospel, both Jesus and his disciples “sow the seed” of God’s word by proclaiming the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near.” Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum
Hymn of the Day “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” #512
Apostles’ Creed page 105
Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” #691

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... page 145

Sending

Benediction
Sending Hymn “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” #547
Dismissal Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.