

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Build Us Up, Lord”

#670

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God!**

Please hold in prayer this week

Lois Gustafson
Lori Storms
Boyd Lundquist
Karyn Baell
John Bruner

Scott Deleeuw
Joy Bowers
Sandy Schmidt
Lyle Weckman

Worship Leaders for July 16

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist Barb Steers
Acolyte Gracelynn Heggstad
Lector Erica Wirtz
Run A/V Josh Bugbee
Ushers Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild Tom & Melina Simonson
Altar Flowers Tami Johnson
Fellowship Olav & Ruth Steen,
Dwight & Janet Schultz

Worship Leaders for July 23

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist David Willey
Acolyte Victoria Wirtz
Lector Ann Decker
Run A/V
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Altar Guild Tom & Melina Simonson
Altar Flowers
Fellowship Stephanie, Toby & Sandy

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Pentecost

July 16, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

7/9/23 Attendance: 49

Gathering

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.** *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God’s mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “What Is This Place” #524

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

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

Ted Wirtz

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.

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

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The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1-9

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 “For the Fruit of All Creation” #679

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

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

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Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”

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“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

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“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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