

Pentecost

July 26, 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
Jacki Bowers	Steve Wiebe
Chris Stai	Racheal Maxwell

Worship Leaders for July 26		Worship Leaders for August 2	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers	Organist	Barb Steers
Lector	Josh Bugbee	Lector	Paul Lundquist
Run A/V	Shane Carmelich	Run A/V	
Ushers	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen	Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	Jon & Patty Johnson	Altar Guild	Todd & Linda Johnson
Altar Flowers		Altar Flowers	Mike & Kathy Coleman
Fellowship	Paul & Jeanne	Fellowship	Carrie Hron, Chris Hallin

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God Invites Our Generosity
7/19/26 Offering (envelopes & online giving): \$3,344
Attendance: 81



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 “Gather Us In” #532
Kyrie & Glory to God page 138

Prayer of the Day
Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12
Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

Psalm 119
Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.
Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God’s actions for us. Through Christ’s death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God’s love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” page 142
The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew’s gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near!” Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people’s lives.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum
Hymn of the Day “Be Thou My Vision” #793
Apostles’ Creed page 105
Sharing of the Peace

Offering
Offertory Song “We Are an Offering” #692

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 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” insert
Dismissal Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.