

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#543

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
Lyle Weckman
Emmett Cook

Worship Leaders for July 30

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Pianist Ann Decker
Acolyte
Lector Sandy Hitzeman
Run A/V
Ushers Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild Tom & Melina Simonson
Altar Flowers
Fellowship Ron & Sandy Hitzeman, Evelyn Grimm

Worship Leaders for August 6

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist Barb Steers
Acolyte Marlee Wirtz
Lector Stephanie Cardinal
Run A/V
Ushers Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild Olav & Ruth Steen
Altar Flowers
Fellowship Paul & Jeanne Lundquist

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God Invites Our Generosity

7/23/23 Offering: \$4,021

Attendance: 58

Pentecost

July 30, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Hymn Sing
Ringing 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 “Gather Us In” #532
Greeting
This Is the Feast page 149

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

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.

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 page 151

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”, vs. 1 & 4 #793

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table. We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.

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 page 152

Holy, Holy, Holy page 153

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven... page 154

Communion Hymns “Lamb of God” page 154

“One Bread, One Body” #496

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” #789

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.