

## ***Sending***

### **Benediction**

**Sending Hymn** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” #536

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

#### **Please hold in prayer this week**

Lois Gustafson	Scott Deleeuw
Lori Storms	Joy Bowers
Boyd Lundquist	Robert Anderson
Karyn Baell	Sandy Schmidt
John Bruner	Lyle Weckman

#### **Worship Leaders for July 9**

<b>Preacher</b>	Gordon Braatz
<b>Pianist</b>	Ann Decker
<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Hallin
<b>Run A/V</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Tom & Melina Simonson
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Chris Hallin & Carrie Hron

#### **Worship Leaders for July 16**

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

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#### **God Invites Our Generosity**

7/2/23 Offering: \$4,083

Attendance: 64

## **Pentecost**

July 9, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

**COME TO ME**  
*all who labor*  
**AND ARE HEAVY LADEN,**  
*and I will give you rest.*  
**MATTHEW 11:28**

***East Union Lutheran Church***

*Carver, Minnesota*

Gathering

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.*

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. 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 “Come, All You People” #819

Greeting

Kyrie page 147

Glory to God page 148

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word

Special Music “The Swan” by Camille Saint-Saens Gordon Decker

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God’s covenant with Israel, the people are designated as “prisoners of hope.”*

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

Gospel Acclamation page 151

The Holy Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

Sermon Pastor Gordon Braatz

Hymn of the Day “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” #608

Apostles’ Creed page 105

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.**

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

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