

East Union Lutheran Church

Weekly Announcements

Sunday, June 1st

Graduation Sunday—Congratulations to our high school & college graduates! We will celebrate with cake during fellowship.

Pentecost—On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, we're looking for folks who would be willing to read a short phrase in a different language during worship. Even if you don't speak another language, the phrase would be spelled out in a way that would make it readable for you! We're looking to experience that very first Pentecost like the disciples did when they spoke in many languages. Contact the church office or Pastor Bryant if you're interested.

Quilt Retreat— The quilting group is hosting a retreat on June 12th & 13th from 9am-5pm each day. If you are interested in joining, please call the church office, cost is \$10 per day. Bring your own lunch.

Vacation Bible School—East Union VBS will be held 7/28—7/31 from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible. Volunteers are needed, please sign up on the clipboard. Theme is Epic Australian Adventure. **Registration forms** are in the Parish Center. Space is limited, please bring your registration forms to the office as soon as possible.



Thank you—Thank you to whoever found the Lions Pork Chop Dinner sign. We appreciate it being found. ~Lions Marvin & Evelyn

Church Softball League—Summer has nearly begun, and with it, the return of the East Union Steeple People! Church softball league will begin Monday, June 2, and will continue to be played on Monday evenings at Chaska Lions Park. We will be receiving the official schedule this week. We have many returning players from last year but would be open to adding new interested players to the roster. Please sign up on the clipboard or contact Ryan Bohn.

Ascension of Our Lord

June 1, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Welcome & Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!” #**393**

Greeting & This Is the Feast **page 140**

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Kid's Sermon

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,
 who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;
who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.
 God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.



Olivia Wieland

Parents: Jason & Beth Wieland

Graduation Date: May 29, 2025

High School: Chaska High School

Going to University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Major: Undecided

I plan to work while in school

Gavin Holasek—Son of Jason & Lori Holasek

Kaleb Meyer—Son of Brandy & Daniel Meyer

Shelby Olson—Daughter of David & Julie Olson

Congratulations 2025 College Graduate!

Alyssa Lundquist

Alyssa graduated from Concordia University, St. Paul. Her degree is Doctor of Physical Therapy





Lily Grace Leistiko
Parents: Alyssa & Brandon Leistiko
Graduation Date: May 23, 2025
High School: Belle Plaine High School
Going to Winona State University
Major: Movement Science/Physical Therapy
I plan to graduate with my bachelors and masters degree in 5 years which sets me to graduate in 2031

Rebecca Sandeen
Parents: Tom & Charlotte Sandeen
Graduation Date: May 23, 2025
High School: Central High School, Norwood
Going to Winona State University
Major: Biology on the Radiography path



Connor Schueren
Parents: Jeremy & Angie Schueren
Graduation Date: May 23, 2025
High School: Belle Plaine High School
Going to work at JS Plumbing, Inc.
Major: Plumbing

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

Gospel Acclamation **page 142**
The Holy Gospel Luke 24:44-53
On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

Sermon **Pastor Bryant Bakum**
Hymn of the Day “Blessing, Honor, and Glory” **#433**

Blessing of High School Graduates
Presentation of 2025 Heritage Scholarship Award
Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**
Sharing of the Peace

Offering
Offertory Song “We Are an Offering” **#692**
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:
Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy **page 144**
The Lord’s Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven... **page 145**
Communion Hymns “Lamb of God” **page 146**
“Day of Arising” **#374**

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:
Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn “Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock”, vs. 1, 4, 5 & 6 #862

Dismissal Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Please hold in prayer this week

Boyd Lundquist	Miles
Daniel Berg	Angie Pantlin
Wendy	Bob Steege
Carol Bastianello	Charles Massey
Mabel Hughes	Roger Sames

Worship Leaders for June 1

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	
Lector	Tami Johnson
Run A/V	Josh Bugbee
Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	Stephanie Cardinal & Kyle Bakkum
Altar Flowers	Tami & Randy Johnson
Fellowship	Graduation Sunday

Worship Leaders for June 8

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	
Lector	Erica Wirtz
Run A/V	Jamie & Lori
Ushers	Mike & Kathy Coleman
Altar Guild	Stephanie Cardinal & Kyle Bakkum
Altar Flowers	Sandy McGraw
Fellowship	Grimms & Steens

Contact the Parish Office

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Office Hours

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am—1pm

Pastor Bryant Bakkum

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Office Hours

Mon.—Wed. 8:30am—Noon

God Invites Our Generosity

5/25/25 Offering: \$1,403
Attendance: 74

Congratulations 2025 High School Graduates!

Brayden Berg

Parents: Darin & Shannon Berg

Graduation Date: May 29, 2025

High School: Chaska High School

Going to Mankato State University

Major: Business



Sean Haas

Parents: Sean & Sybil Haas

Graduation Date: May 29, 2025

High School: Chanhassen High School

Going to Ridgewater College

Major: Electrician

