

Lent

March 10, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



Please hold in prayer this week	
Lori Storms	Peg Scott
Boyd Lundquist	Wendy
Sandy Schmidt	Charlotte Sandeen
The Family of Beverly Anderson	

<u>Worship Leaders for March 10</u>		<u>Worship Leaders for March 17</u>	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers	Organist	Lynn Seppman
Acolyte		Acolyte	
Lector	Erica Wirtz	Lector	Sarah Brendel
Run A/V	Lori & Jamie Scott	Run A/V	Josh Bugbee
Ushers	Todd & Linda Johnson	Ushers	Kyle Bakkum & Dave Lundquist
Altar Guild	Rich & Kathy Schallberg	Altar Guild	Rich & Kathy Schallberg
Altar Flowers		Altar Flowers	
Fellowship	Grimm & Steen Family	Fellowship	

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East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Welcome
Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.** Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” #335

Greeting

Kyrie page 147

Glory to God page 148

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

Special Music “Change My Heart, O God” Chimes

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God’s grace at work in our lives.

Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord” page 151

The Holy Gospel John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today’s first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “What Wondrous Love Is This” #666

Apostles’ Creed page 105

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:

God of all creation, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn “For by Grace You Have Been Saved” #598

Dismissal Go in peace. You are God’s beloved. Thanks be to God!