Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" #325

Dismissal Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

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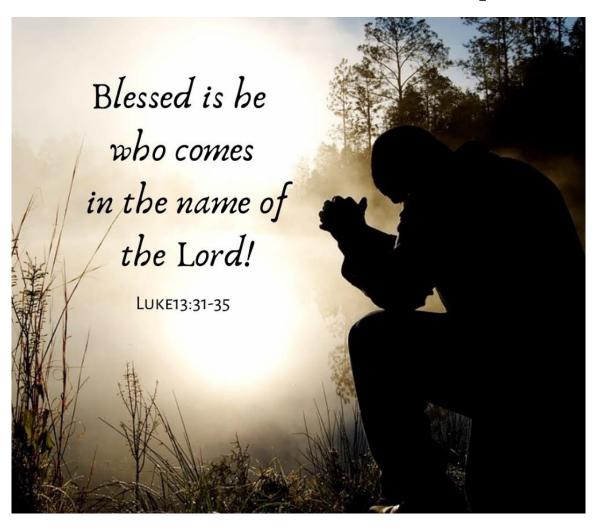
Worship Leaders for March 16		Worship Leaders for March 23	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Pianist	Ann Decker	Organist	Barb Steers
Lector	Kathy Coleman	Acolyte	Anya Primmer
Run A/V		Lector	Katie Primmer
Ushers	LuAnn Haas & Tom	Run A/V	
	Petersen	Ushers	Kyle Bakkum
Altar Guild	Todd & Linda Johnson	Altar Guild	Todd & Linda Johnson
Altar Flowers	Jamie Borgstrom,	Altar Flowers	Vonda Gulden
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God Invites Our Generosity

3/9/25 Offering: \$4,474 Attendance: 68

LentMarch 16, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome, Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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Greeting

Glory to God

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Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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 Sunday School

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord"

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

The Holy Gospel Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day "Oh, Love, How Deep" #322

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

#686

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Meal

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Words of Institution	

The Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven... page 154
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"Let Us Break Bread Together" #471

"Day by Day" #7**90**

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.