

Sending

Benediction
Sending Hymn “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” **#545**
Dismissal Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God!**

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

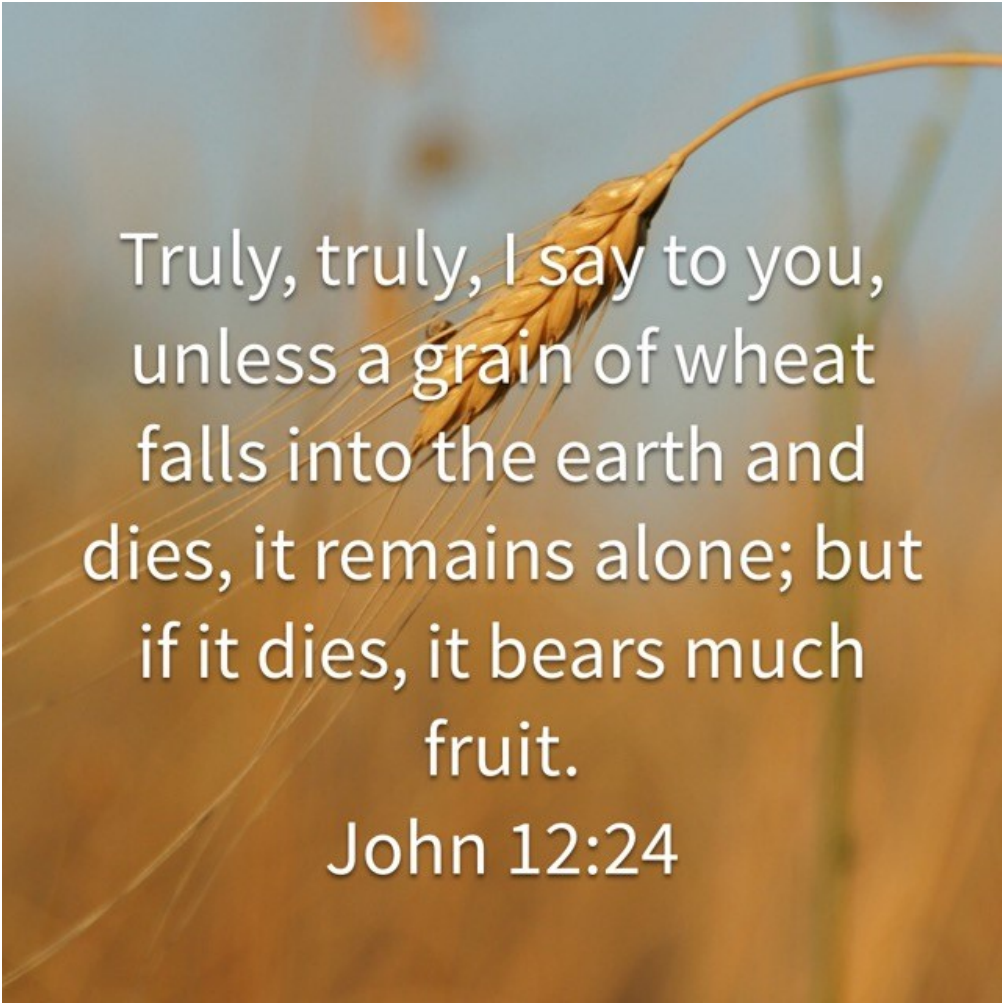
Worship Leaders for March 17		Worship Leaders for March 24	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Lynn Seppman	Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte		Acolyte	
Lector	Sarah Brendel	Lector	Brenda Lundquist
Run A/V	Josh Bugbee	Run A/V	
Ushers	Kyle Bakkum & Dave Lundquist	Ushers	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen
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Altar Flowers		Altar Flowers	
Fellowship		Fellowship	

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God Invites Our Generosity
3/10/24 Offering: \$2,660
Attendance: 78

Lent

March 17, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



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 “My Song Is Love Unknown”, vs. 1, 5 & 6 **#343**

Greeting
Glory to God **page 148**
Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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 Students**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord” **page 151**

The Holy Gospel John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus’ words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

Sermon **Pastor Bryant Bakkum**

Hymn of the Day “Seed That in Earth Is Dying” **#330**

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:

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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 Hymn “Lamb of God” **page 154**

“We Come to the Hungry Feast” **#479**

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.