

## Sending

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

#339

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God!**

## Lent

March 19, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

### Please hold in prayer this week

Diane (Sister of Duwaine & Larry)  
Lois Gustafson  
Margee Baker  
Lori Storms  
Boyd Lundquist

Tom Fisher  
Joshua Anderson  
Tyson Hudspeth  
Karyn Baell

### Worship Leaders for March 19

**Preacher** Bryant Bakkum  
**Organist** Barb Steers  
**Acolyte** Victoria Wirtz  
**Lector** Chris Hallin  
**Run A/V**  
**Ushers** Ted & Erica Wirtz  
**Altar Guild** Rich & Kathy Schallberg  
**Altar Flowers** Tami Johnson  
**Fellowship** Stephanie, Sandy, Toby & Janet

### Worship Leaders for March 26

**Preacher** Bryant Bakkum  
**Pianist** Ann Decker  
**Acolyte** Gracelynn Heggstad  
**Lector** Josh Bugbee  
**Run A/V**  
**Ushers** Kevin & Joan Abraham  
**Altar Guild** Rich & Kathy Schallberg  
**Altar Flowers**  
**Fellowship**

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### Office Hours

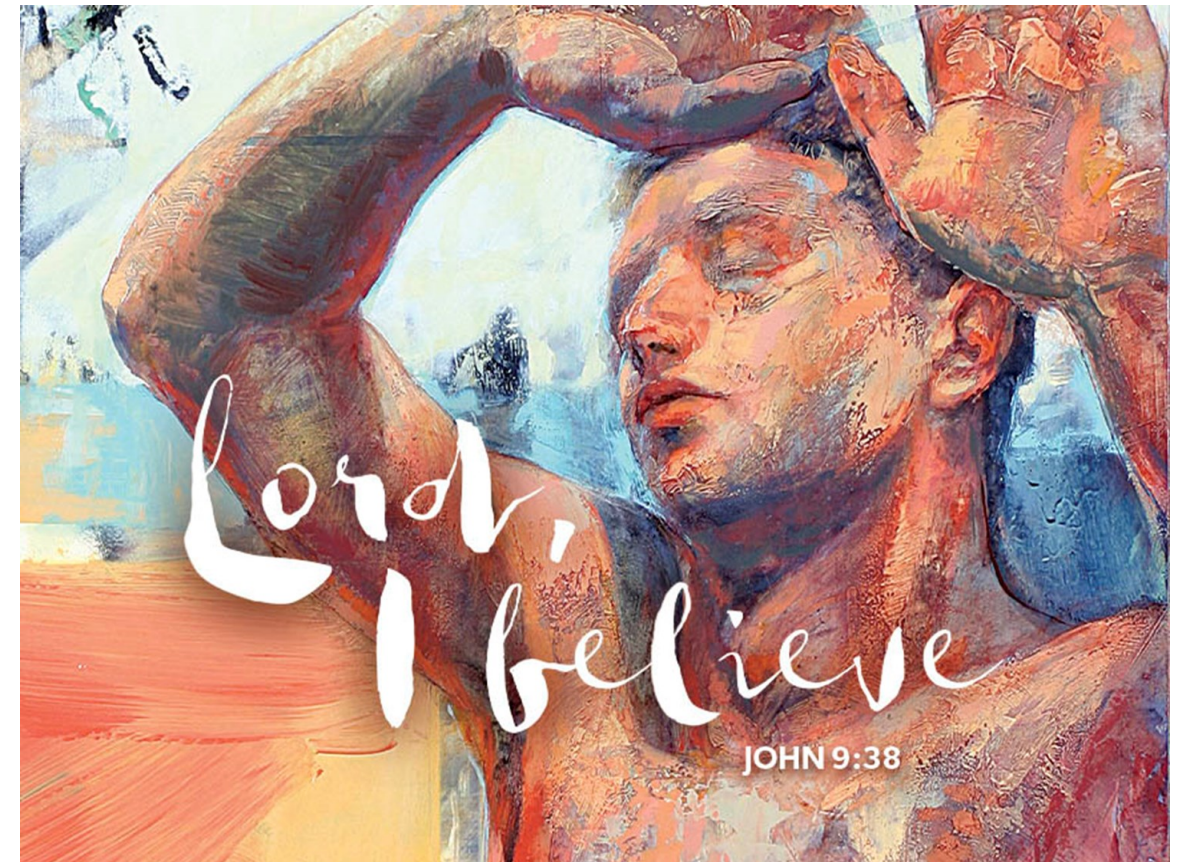
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am—2pm

### Pastor Bryant Bakkum

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### Office Hours

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**East Union Lutheran Church**

Carver, Minnesota

### God Invites Our Generosity

3/12/23 Offering: \$1,235  
Attendance: , Live Stream: 32

## Gathering

### Ringling of the Bell

### Welcome

### Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.** Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" #520

### Greeting

**Kyrie** page 138

**Glory to God** page 139

**Prayer of the Day**—Let us pray together:

**Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Word

**Kid's sermon**

**Special Music** "Gathering of the Disciples" Ted, Jim & Ann

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.*

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation** "Return to the Lord" page 142

**The Holy Gospel: John chapter 9**

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

**Sermon** Pastor Bryant Bakkum

**Hymn of the Day** "Lamb of God" #336

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

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**Offertory Song** "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #186

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

**Offering Prayer**—Let us pray together:

**God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

## Meal

**The Great Thanksgiving** page 144

**Holy, Holy, Holy** page 144

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer** Our Father, who art in heaven... page 145

**Communion Hymns** "Lamb of God" page 146

"I'll Try" Ted Wirtz

**Prayer after Communion**—Let us pray together:

**Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**