

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

#638

Dismissal Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Please hold in prayer this week

Daniel Berg	Angie Pantlin
Wendy	Bob Steege
Carol Bastianello	Charles Massey
Mabel Hughes	Roger Sames
Dana Lindeman	Ally Lundquist

Worship Leaders for March 1

Preacher Bryant Bakkum

Organist Barb Steers

Acolyte

Lector Todd Johnson

Run A/V Josh Bugbee

Ushers

Altar Guild Tom & Mel Simonson

Altar Flowers Diane Opdahl & David Wetzell

Fellowship Kent & Rochelle Hasse
Dave & Jan Lundquist

Worship Leaders for March 8

Preacher Bryant Bakkum

Organist Barb Steers

Acolyte

Lector Mel Simonson

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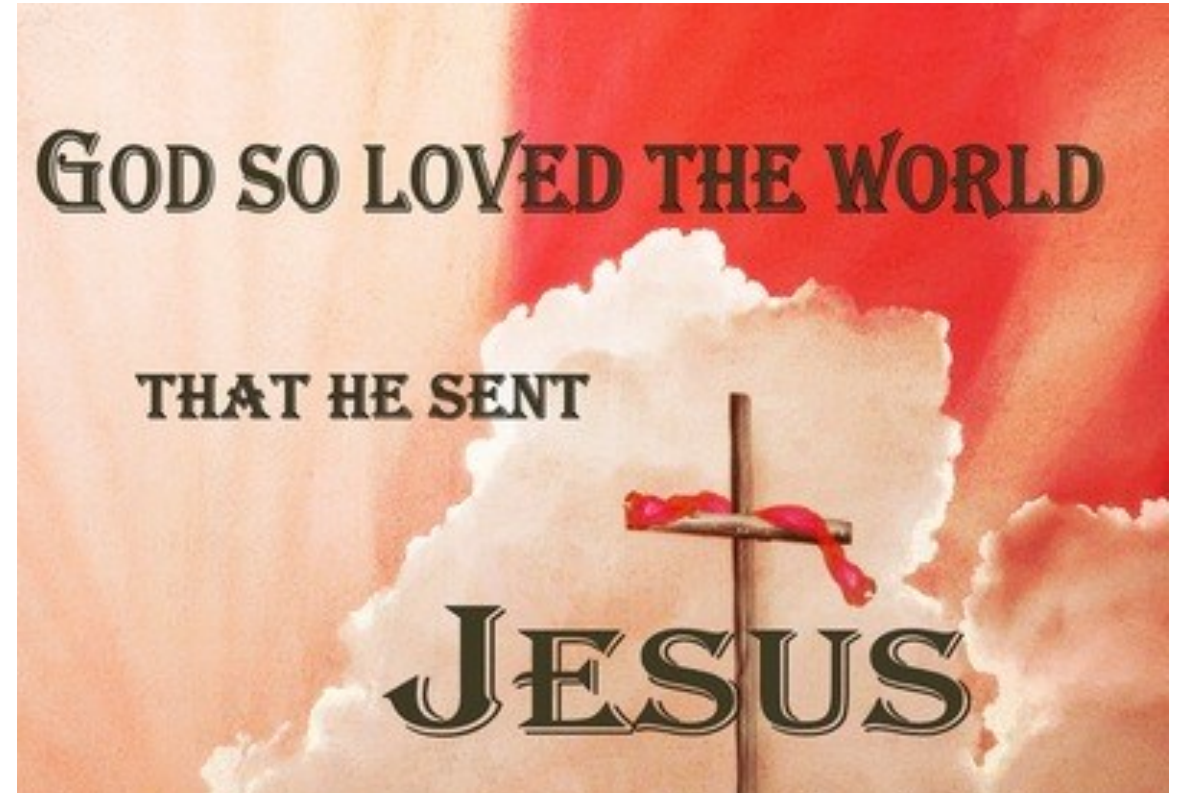
God Invites Our Generosity

2/22/26 Offering (envelopes & online giving): \$1,888

Attendance: 58

Lent

March 1, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Welcome, Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" #666

Kyrie & Glory to God page 147

Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Chimes

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep; The Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand; The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord" page 151

The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day "God Loved the World" #323

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #184

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy page 152

Words of Institution

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

Communion "Lamb of God" page 154

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" #335

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.