

Lent

March 23, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Please hold in prayer this week

Boyd Lundquist	Angie Pantlin
Daniel Berg	Bob Steege
Wendy	Sean Johnson
Carol Bastianello	Charles Massey
Mabel Hughes	Ken Frey JR
Miles	

Worship Leaders for March 23

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	Anya Primmer
Lector	Katie Primmer
Run A/V	
Ushers	Kyle Bakkum
Altar Guild	Todd & Linda Johnson
Altar Flowers	Vonda Gulden
Fellowship	Stephanie & Sandy

Worship Leaders for March 30

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Lector	Sandy Karstens
Run A/V	
Ushers	
Altar Guild	Todd & Linda Johnson
Altar Flowers	Sandy Karstens
Fellowship	

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God Invites Our Generosity

3/16/25 Offering: \$2,559

Attendance: 66



The Parable of The Unfruitful Fig Tree

Luke 13:6-9

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 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 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" #445

Greeting

Kyrie page 147

Glory to God page 148

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" **Chimes**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

Gospel Acclamation page 151

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

The Holy Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day "Jesus, Still Lead On" #624

Apostles' Creed page 105

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:

God of all creation, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, 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 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" #618

Dismissal Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God.**