

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Restore in Us, O God”

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Dismissal

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

Please hold in prayer this week

Lois Gustafson
Margee Baker
Lori Storms
Boyd Lundquist

Tom Fisher
Tyson Hudspeth
Karyn Baell

Worship Leaders for March 26

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist Barb Steers
Acolyte Gracelynn Heggstad
Lector Josh Bugbee
Run A/V
Ushers Kevin & Joan Abraham
Altar Guild Rich & Kathy Schallberg
Altar Flowers
Fellowship Tom & Nadine Lundquist

Worship Leaders for April 2

Preacher Bryant Bakkum
Organist Barb Steers
Acolyte Marlee Wirtz
Lector Erica Wirtz
Run A/V
Ushers Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild Barb Steers and Mark & Brenda Lundquist
Altar Flowers Mel Simonson
Fellowship

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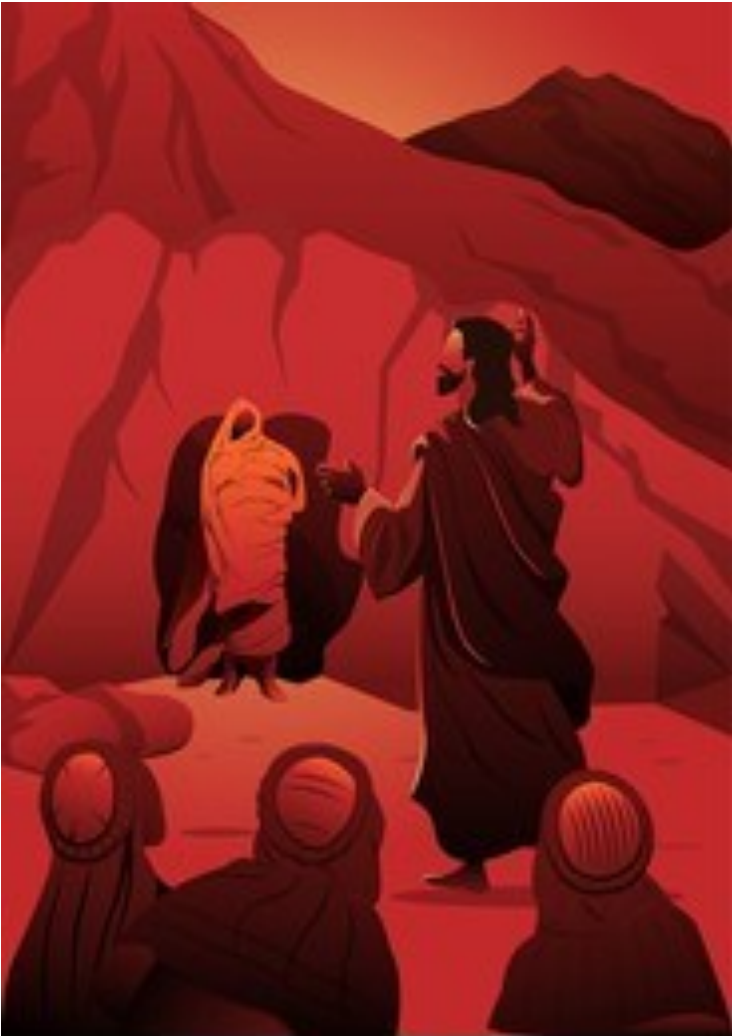
God Invites Our Generosity

3/19/23 Offering: \$2,179

Attendance: 63, Live Stream: 24

Lent

March 26, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Ringin 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 “What Wondrous Love Is This” #666

Greeting

Kyrie page 138

Glory to God page 139

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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 “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” Quartet

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God’s life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that “I am the LORD.”

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord” page 142

The Holy Gospel: John chapter 11

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land” #333

Apostles’ Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering “Abide With Me” Quartet

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, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us. 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 in heaven... page 145