

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" #763

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

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 30

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

Worship Leaders for April 6

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	
Lector	Barb Steers
Run A/V	
Ushers	Linda & Todd Johnson
Altar Guild	Lori & Jamie Scott
Altar Flowers	Mike & Kathy Coleman
Fellowship	

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God Invites Our Generosity

3/23/25 Offering: \$2,075
Attendance: 70

Lent

March 30, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Hymn Sing

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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #807

Greeting

Glory to God page 148

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord" 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 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day "Our Father, We Have Wandered" #606

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

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:

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 Hymns "Lamb of God" page 154

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" #779

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.