

## **Resurrection of Our Lord**

March 31, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

## Gathering

#### Welcome

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Christ Is Risen! C: He Is Risen Indeed!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.** Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life!** Alleluia! Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!** 

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**Gathering Hymn** 

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

#365

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

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Word

**Kid's Sermon** 

**Special Music** "Now the Green Blade Rises"

Choir

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

# 2024 Easter Flowers

- \* In Honor of Our 3 Grandchildren; Taylor, Kendyl & Andrew given by Tom & Judi Strobel (tulips, hyacinth, daffodil)
- \* In Memory of Lowell & Goldie Goetze, Jake & Kathy Ford given by Chris, Linda & Nathan Goetze and Nick, Lauren, Graham & Baker Jorgenson (tulips)
- \* In Honor of The People of East Union and In Memory of Our Grandparents given by Pastor Bryant & Katie Bakkum (lilies)
- \* In Memory of John McGraw & Lauren Johnson given by Sandra McGraw (tulips)
- \* In Memory of Dell Ora Coleman & Delphine Morehouse given by Kathy & Mike Coleman (lilies)
- \* In Memory of George Smith given by Olav & Ruth Steen (daffodil)
- \* In Memory of Wayne Lundquist & Family of Jan Lundquist and In Honor of Rita Lundquist and Our kids & Grandkids given by Dave & Jan Lundquist (hyacinth, mum, hydrangea)
- \* In Memory of Wayne Lundquist given by Rita Lundquist (mum)
- \* In Memory of Ingeborg & Melbourne Bye, Wilbur & Emma Lucille Studer given by Lowell & Mary Bye (hydrangeas)
- \* In Memory of Art & LaVerne Abraham, Don Olson and In Honor of Marge Olson given by Kevin & Joan Abraham (tulips)
- \* In Memory of Gary Kahler & Scott Kahler given by Dwight & Janet Schultz (hyacinth)
- \* In Memory of Carolyn & Scott Hallin given by Carrie, Chris & Carol (tulips)
- \* In Memory of Daughter Michelle given by Bill and Jan O'Day (tulips)
- \* In Memory of Geraldine Kruse and In Honor of Elaine Weekley given by Curt & Joan Kruse (lily, tulips)
- \* In Memory of Our Parents, Ken & Dodie Johnson and Pete & Eva Bates given by Todd & Linda Johnson (lilies)

**Vacation Bible School**—East Union VBS will be held 7/22 thru 7/25, Mon-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee. Volunteers are needed. Registration forms are available at the Parish Center, please return them to the church office.

Towel Ministry—East Union has an active role in a Towel Minis-



try, part of ECC Love INC. Volunteering consists of filling towel orders and driving the towels to the client's home. You will receive training too! Email Ann Decker: <a href="mailto:adeckerchaska@gmail.com">adeckerchaska@gmail.com</a> if you are interested!

## 2024 Easter Flowers

- \* In Memory of Robert Read & Randy Robert Read, My Parents Fritz & Ethel Westlund and My Godparents John & Irene Hall given by Karen Read (lilies, tulips)
- \* In Memory of Donald Nelson given by Toby Nelson (mum)
- \* In Memory of Marilyn Loge given by The Loge Family (lily)
- \* In Honor of Ryan, Sean & Sybil Haas, Angie & Jay Schueren, Taylor Reed, Riley, Kennedy, Ellynnor, Alex & Sean Haas, Connor & Parker Schueren, Hudson Reed, Henry Jenneke and In Memory of Alan Haas given by LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen (mum, daffodil, tulips, hyacinth)
- \* In Honor of My Children and In Memory of Patrick Meyer given by Sue Meyer (hydrangeas)
- \* In Memory of Beverly Johnson, Eugene Johnson, Anna, Oveskals & Marie Johnson given by Randy & Tami Johnson (hyacinth, mum)
- \* In Memory of Merlin Simonson and In Honor of Beth Mauer given by Tom & Mel Simonson (lily, tulips)
- \* In Memory of Ethan Grimm given by Marvin & Evelyn Grimm (lily)
- \* In Memory of Errol Stai given by Patricia Stai (daffodil)
- \* In Memory of Grandmother Hazel Larson, Raymond & Elizabeth Bakkum, David & Joyce Capper given by Laurie & Kyle Bakkum (lilies, daffodil)

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

**Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go"

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#### The Holy Gospel John 20:1-18

This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

**Hymn of the Day** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" #367

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

**Sharing of the Peace** 

Offering Ted Wirtz

Offertory Song "We Are an Offering" #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

#### Meal

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	"Let Us Break Bread Together"	<b>#471</b>
	"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"	#492

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

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

#### Sending

**Benediction** 

**Sending Hymn** "Thine Is the Glory"

#376

**Dismissal** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

#### Please hold in prayer this week

Lori Storms Peg Scott Boyd Lundquist Wendy

Sandy Schmidt Charlotte Sandeen

Worship Leaders for March 31		Worship Leaders for April 7	
<b>Preacher</b> I	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b> I	Lynn Seppman	Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte \	Victoria Wirtz	Acolyte	
<b>Lector</b> A	Ann Decker	Lector	Kathy Schallberg
	Jason Wieland Ted & Erica Wirtz	Run A/V	Josh Bugbee
Ushers		Ushers	Kyle Bakkum
<b>Altar Guild</b> I	Rich & Kathy Schallberg	Altar Guild	Jamie & Lori Scott
Altar Flowers (	Congregation	Altar Flowers Fellowship	Tami Johnson
	Stephanie Cardinal & Linda Hellriegel		

### Contact the Parish Office Pastor Bryant Bakkum

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Office Hours
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Tues. & Thurs. 9am—2pm Mon.—Wed. 8:30am—Noon

#### **God Invites Our Generosity**

3/24/24 Offering: \$1,163 Attendance: 50

# Weekly Announcements

**Easter Special Offering**—Your council has selected 2 worthy causes to direct the Easter Special Offering this year. Any funds collected in the Easter Special Offering envelopes and loose cash on Easter Sunday will be split between Bountiful Baskets food shelf and our Towel Ministry. Please remember that you always have the option of directing your funds - simply state your preference on your check or offering envelope. Your offerings are always welcome and much appreciated.

**Gathering Thru Fellowship**—We will gather on April 6th at 10am in the Parish Center and we will be doing a special cross project. Free will donations are accepted. All ages are welcome to participate or visit, coffee will be on!

**East Union Listening Session**—On Saturday, April 20 from 10:00AM-Noon the East Union Church Council will be hosting a listening session open to all members of the congregation. We want to get a pulse from you on how our church is currently serving the community and what thoughts you might have for the future. We plan to have activities for our younger members. Coffee, beverages and morning snacks served starting at 9:30AM.

**New Photo Directories**—We are looking forward to new photo directories. Mark your calendars for May 16-18 to come to church to have your picture taken for the directory. Please make sure that the church office has your current address and phone numbers. You can start signing up now!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **www.ucdir.com**, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter <a href="mn428">mn428</a> in the Church Code field and enter <a href="photos">photos</a> in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, use 2 consecutive time slots.

If you need help signing up or have any questions about the new directories, please contact Chris Hallin, Brenda Lundquist or the church office. Chris and/or Brenda will be helping people sign up during fellowship. Please see one of them for help getting scheduled.



**Plant Sale**—Our Annual Plant & Bake Sale is Saturday, May 11th from 8am-noon!! We will have hundreds of hanging baskets, herbs, flowering annuals, vegetable plants, potting soil & fertilizer!