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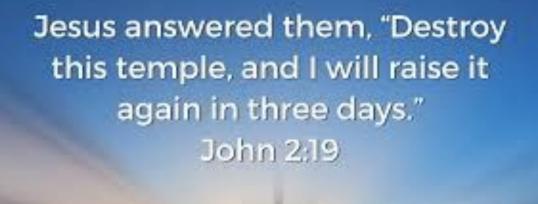
BenedictionSending Hymn"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"DismissalGo in peace. Share your bread. Thanks be to God!

Lent

March 3, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Please hold in prayer this week						
Lori Storms		Peg Scott				
Boyd Lundquist		Wendy				
Sandy Schmidt		Charlotte Sandeen				
Worship Leader	-	<u>Worship Leaders for March 10</u>				
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum			
Pianist	Ann Decker	Organist	Barb Steers			
Acolyte		Acolyte				
Lector	Tami Johnson	Lector	Erica Wirtz			
Run A/V		Run A/V				
Ushers	Taylor Breimhorst & Tom Strobel	Ushers	Todd & Linda Johnson			
Altar Guild	Rich & Kathy Schallberg	Altar Guild	Rich & Kathy Schallberg			
Altar Flowers	Kathy Coleman	Altar Flowers	0			
Fellowship	Dwight & Janet Schultz	Fellowship	Grimm & Steen Family			
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East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Welcome **Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. Amen. Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life

through + Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn	"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"	#324
Greeting		
Kyrie		page 147
Glory to God		page 148

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kid's Sermon

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

Word

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

Pastor Bryant Bakkum Sermon Hymn of the Day "Canticle of the Turning", vs. 1 & 2 #723 **Prayers of the People** Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer. **Sharing of the Peace** Offering "We Are an Offering" **Offertory Song** #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:

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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 Hymn	"Lamb of God"	page 154
	"How Great Thou Art"	#856

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world: in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.