

Sending

Benediction
Sending Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” **#803**
Dismissal Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God!**

Please hold in prayer this week	
Lori Storms	Peg Scott
Boyd Lundquist	Wendy
Sandy Schmidt	Charlotte Sandeen

Worship Leaders for March 3		Worship Leaders for March 10	
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
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2/25/24 Offering: \$1,588
Attendance: 60

Lent

March 3, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



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.**

Word

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.

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 “Return to the Lord” **page 151**

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.

Sermon **Pastor Bryant Bakkum**

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

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:

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.