

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

**Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

***Sending***

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn**            “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”            **#442**

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

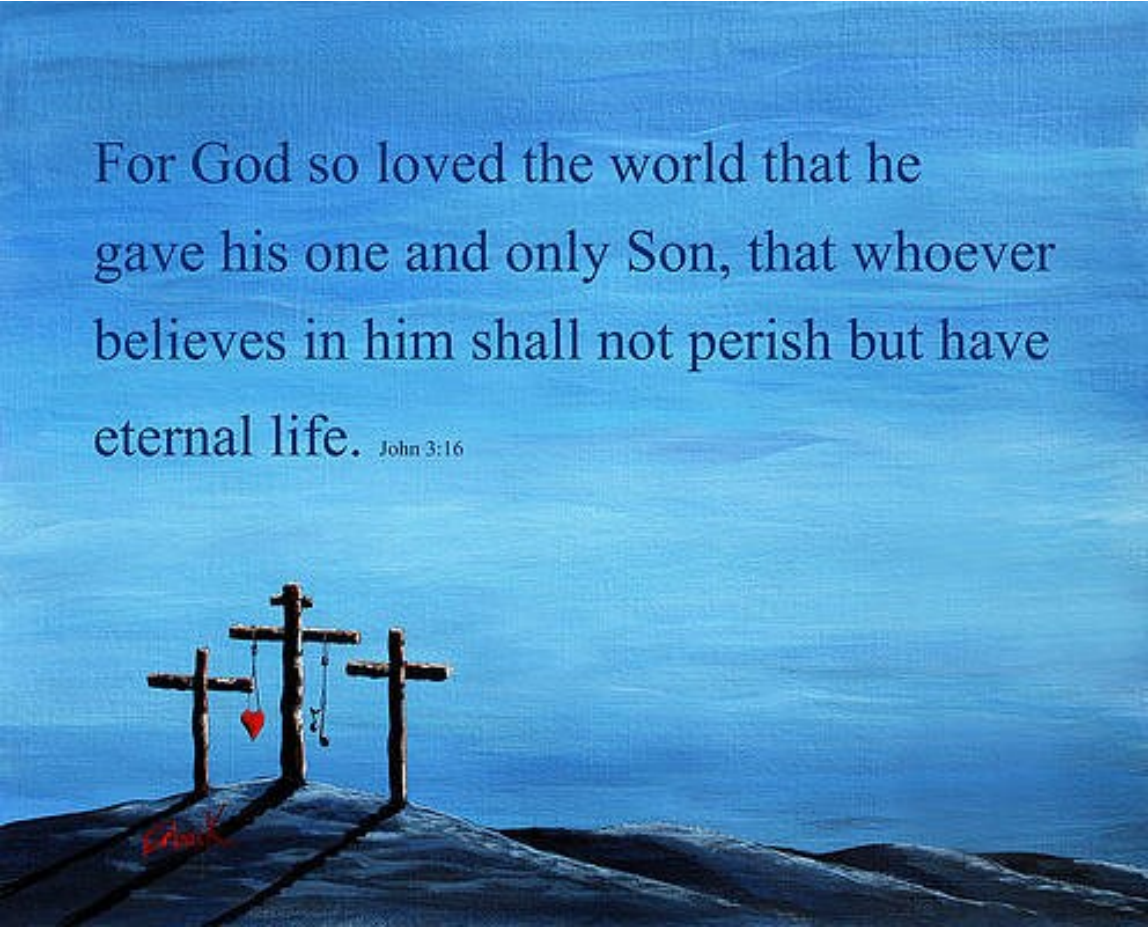
Please hold in prayer this week	
Diane (Sister of Duwaine & Larry)	Lori Storms
Lois Gustafson	Boyd Lundquist
Margee Baker	Tom Fisher

Worship Leaders for March 5		Worship Leaders for March 12	
<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum	<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers	<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Acolyte</b>		<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Schallberg	<b>Lector</b>	Rita Lundquist
<b>Run A/V</b>	Lori & Jamie	<b>Run A/V</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen	<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Rich & Kathy Schallberg	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Rich & Kathy Schallberg
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Lori Scott	<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Grimms, Dave & Jan Lundquist	<b>Fellowship</b>	

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**Lent**

March 5, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



***East Union Lutheran Church***  
*Carver, Minnesota*

Gathering

Ringling 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      “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”      #445

Greeting

Kyrie      page 138

Glory to God      page 139

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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: Genesis 12:1-4

*God’s call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God’s promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

Gospel Acclamation      “Return to the Lord”      page 142

The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

Sermon      Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day      “We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”      #451

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving      page 144

Holy, Holy, Holy      page 144

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer      Our Father, who art in heaven...      page 145

Communion Hymns      “Lamb of God”      page 146

“I Love to Tell the Story”      #661