

## ***Sending***

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

**#840**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Please hold in prayer this week**

Lois Gustafson  
Lori Storms  
Boyd Lundquist

Karyn Baell  
John Bruner  
Scott Deleeuw

#### **Worship Leaders for May 14**

<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Pianist</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gracelynn Heggstad
<b>Lector</b>	Tami Johnson
<b>Run A/V</b>	Jason Wieland
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Rick & Connie Beck
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Youth & Ed Committee

#### **Worship Leaders for May 21**

<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakkum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Run A/V</b>	Josh Bugbee
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul & Jeanne Lundquist
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Rick & Connie Beck
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Sandy Hitzeman
<b>Fellowship</b>	Cindy Comer & Carey Koeppenber

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

5/7/23 Offering: \$3,620

Attendance: 60

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter Affirmation of Baptism**

May 14, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



***East Union Lutheran Church***

*Carver, Minnesota*

Gathering

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world’s need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #631

Greeting

Glory to God page 148

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

Gospel Acclamation page 151

The Holy Gospel John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “Come Down, O Love Divine” #804

Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation of Confirmands page 234

Profession of Faith page 235

Laying on of Hands

Congregational Blessing page 236

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:

God of good gifts, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us. Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Lord’s Prayer Our Father in heaven... page 154