Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn "On Our Way Rejoicing" #537

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

Please hold in prayer this week

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Worship Leaders for May 7		Worship Leaders for May 14	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
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God Invites Our Generosity

4/30/23 Offering: \$1,845 Attendance: 58

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 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

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

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Greeting

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Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Kid's sermon

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" #389

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:

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Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meal

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Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.