

Sending

Benediction
 Sending Hymn “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” #632
 Dismissal Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God!**
 Postlude “Ah vous dirai-je, Maman by Mozart ”, MN Valley Community Band

Please hold in prayer this week	
Lori Storms	Terry Irwin
Boyd Lundquist	Debbie
Sandy Schmidt	Anne
Karyn Baell	Wendy
Peg Scott	Family of Gary Bengtson
Sierra Monahan	Family of Goldie Goetze

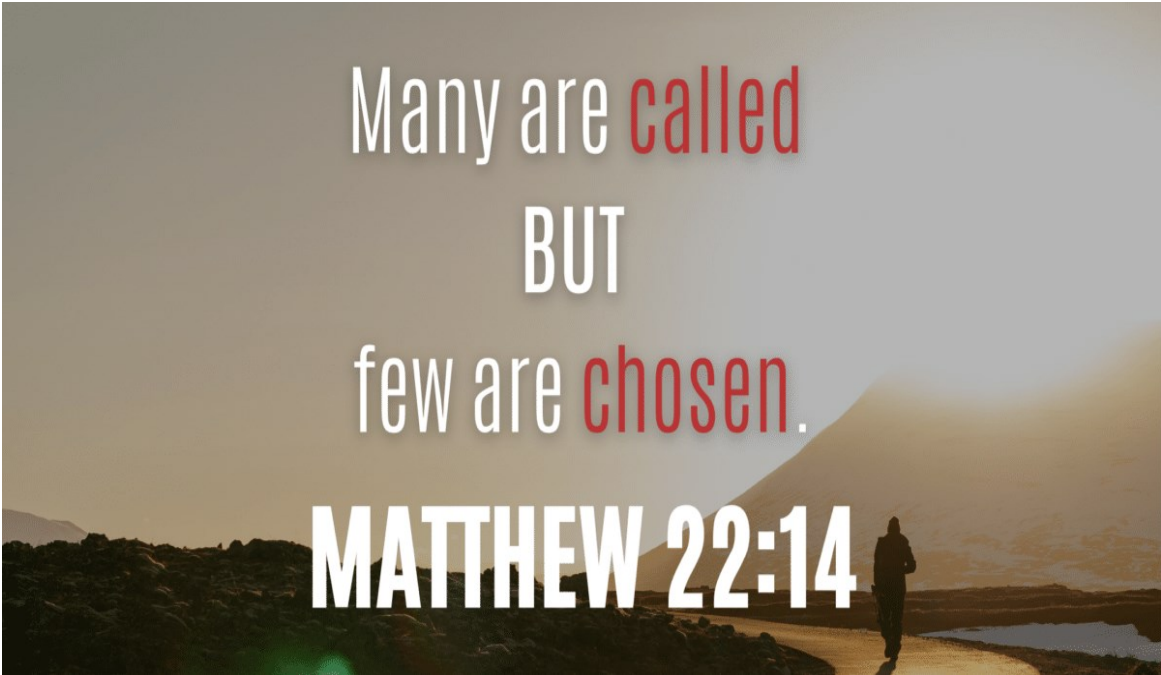
Worship Leaders for October 15		Worship Leaders for October 22	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Pianist	Ann Decker	Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	Taylor Breimhorst	Acolyte	
Lector	Gordon Decker	Lector	Brenda Lundquist
Run A/V	Josh Bugbee	Run A/V	Jason Wieland
Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom	Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	Barb Steers, Mark & Brenda Lundquist	Altar Guild	Barb Steers, Mark & Brenda Lundquist
Altar Flowers	Kyle & Laurie Bakkum	Fellowship	Mary Bye, Karen Lanpher & Sandy Hitzeman
Fellowship	Stephanie, Larry & Sandy		

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God Invites Our Generosity
 10/8/23 Attendance: 83

Pentecost

October 15, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church
 Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Prelude “Sonatina by Kohler”, MN Valley Community Band
Welcome
Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ☩ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. Amen.

Gathering Hymn “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” #553

Greeting

This Is the Feast page 140

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God’s peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

Great Acclamation page 142

The Holy Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God’s kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “We Eat the Bread of Teaching” #518

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering “Adagio by Kohler”, MN Valley Community Band

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 power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 MN Valley Community Band

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.