

Pentecost

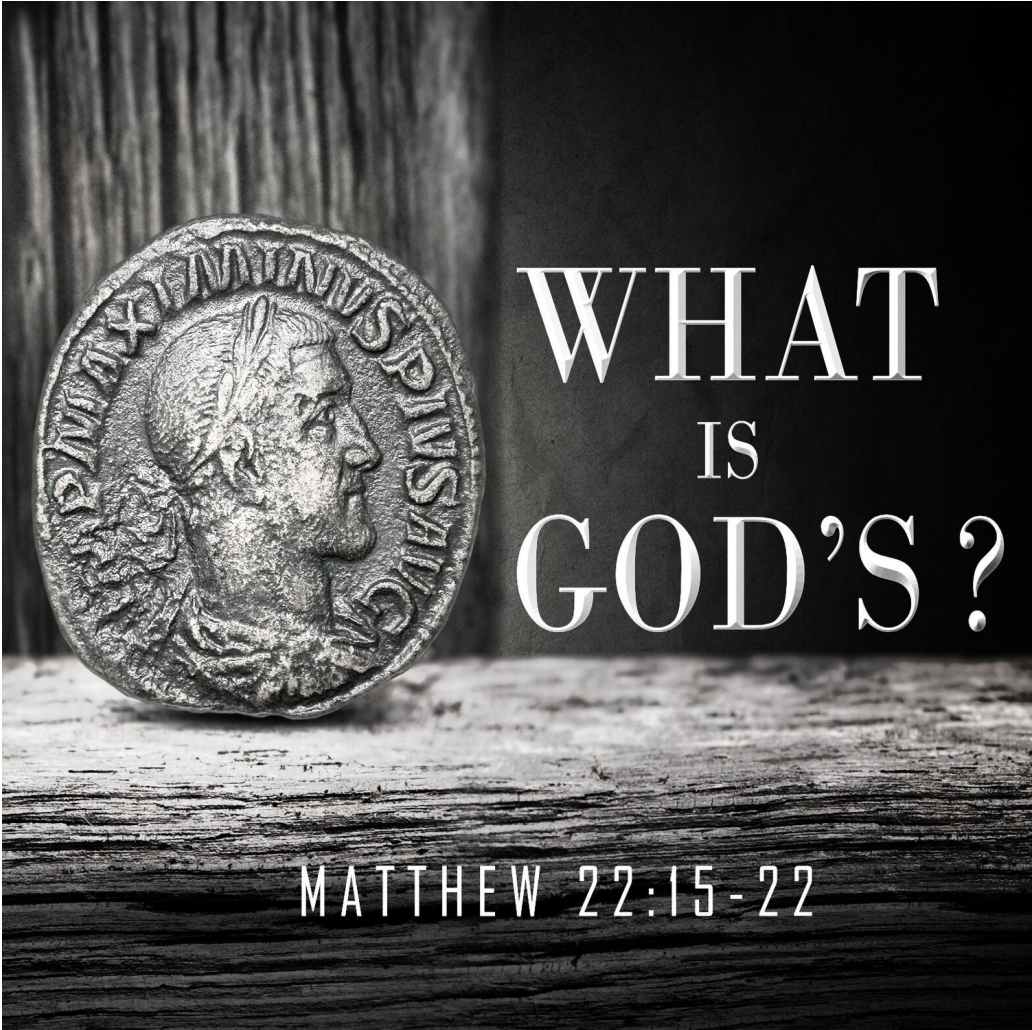
October 22, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

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

<u>Worship Leaders for October 22</u>		<u>Worship Leaders for October 29</u>	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers	Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte		Acolyte	
Lector	Brenda Lundquist	Lector	Sandy Hitzeman
Run A/V	Jason Wieland	Run A/V	Jason Wieland
Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom	Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	Barb Steers, Brenda & Mark Lundquist	Altar Guild	Barb Steers, Brenda & Mark Lundquist
Altar Flowers	Tami & Randy Johnson	Altar Flowers	Mel Simonson
Fellowship	Mary B., Karen L. & Sandy H.	Fellowship	Cally & Stacy Trimbo

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Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am—2pm		Mon.—Wed. 8:30am—Noon	

God Invites Our Generosity
10/15/23 Offering: \$2,568
Attendance: 78



East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

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 “What Is This Place” #524

Greeting
Kyrie page 138
Glory to God page 139

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:
Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon
Special Music “Perfect Peace” Chimes
“Listen, God Is Calling” #513

Listen, listen, God is calling; through the word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel’s exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

“Listen, God Is Calling” #513

Listen, listen, God is calling; through the word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news that he came to save us and set us free. Listen, listen, God is calling; through the word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God’s people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum
Hymn of the Day “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord” #580
Apostles’ Creed page 105

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 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.

Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**
The Lord’s Prayer Our Father in heaven... page 145

Sending

Benediction
Sending Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” #705
Dismissal Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God!**