

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Thine the Amen”

#826

Dismissal Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Please hold in prayer this week

Daniel Berg
Wendy
Carol Bastianello
Jacki Bowers
Chris Stai

Koreen Larson
Charles Massey
Racheal Maxwell
Joy Zangl

Worship Leaders for October 4

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	
Lector	Linda Johnson
Run A/V	Josh Bugbee
Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	John & Sarah Brendel
Altar Flowers	Shane Carmelich
Fellowship	Cindy Comer & Carey Koppenberg

Worship Leaders for October 11

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	
Lector	Brenda Lundquist
Run A/V	
Ushers	LuAnn Haas & Tom Petersen
Altar Guild	John & Sarah Brendel
Altar Flowers	Todd & Linda Johnson
Fellowship	

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God Invites Our Generosity

9/27/26 Offering (envelopes & online giving): \$1,900
Attendance: 70

Pentecost

October 4, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



The Parable of the Vineyard Tenants

Matthew 21:33-43

East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Welcome, Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.** Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “My Lord of Light” **#832**
Greeting & Liturgy **Now the Feast and Celebration Booklet**
Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Water

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Emersyn Mae Green

Word

Kid’s Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God’s loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth “rotten grapes” of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Psalms 80

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ’s resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” **Booklet**

The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

Sermon **Pastor Bryant Bakkum**

Hymn of the Day “My Song Is Love Unknown” v 1, 2, 5 & 6 **#343**

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” **#182**

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy **Booklet**

Words of Institution

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

Communion “Lamb of God” **page 146**

“Jesus Loves Me!” **#595**

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.