

Pentecost

October 8, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

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			
Worship Leaders for October 8		Worship Leaders for October 15	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist/Pianist	Bryant Bakkum & Ann Decker	Pianist	Ann Decker
Acolyte		Acolyte	
Lector	Brenda Lundquist	Lector	Gordon Decker
Run A/V	Jason Wieland	Run A/V	Josh Bugbee
Ushers	Tom & Nadine Lundquist	Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	Barb Steers, Brenda & Mark Lundquist	Altar Guild	Barb Steers, Brenda & Mark Lundquist
Altar Flowers		Altar Flowers	Kyle & Laurie Bakkum
Fellowship	Toby, Dwight & Janet, Jon & Patty	Fellowship	
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Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am—2pm		Mon.—Wed. 8:30am—Noon	

God Invites Our Generosity
10/1/23 Attendance: 83



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	“My Song Is Love Unknown”, vs. 1, 3 & 6	#343
Greeting		
Kyrie		page 138
Glory to God		page 139

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

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.

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 “wild grapes” of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

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 Acclamationpage 142

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	“Thine the Amen”#826
Apostles’ Creed	page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song	“We Are an Offering”#692
<i>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.</i>	

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 PeopleLord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer	Our Father in heaven...	page 145
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Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn	“My Lord of Light”#832
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Dismissal	Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God!
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