

## ***Sending***

### **Benediction**

### **Sending Hymn**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**#543**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God!**

#### **Please hold in prayer this week**

Lori Storms  
Boyd Lundquist  
Karyn Baell  
John Bruner  
Peg Scott

Emmett Cook  
Terry Irwin  
Debbie  
Sierra Monahan

#### **Worship Leaders for September 10**

**Preacher** Gordon Braatz  
**Organist** Barb Steers  
**Acolyte**  
**Lector** Sarah Brendel  
**Run A/V** Josh Bugbee  
**Ushers** Olav & Ruth Steen  
**Altar Guild** Jamie & Lori Scott  
**Altar Flowers**  
**Fellowship** Sandy, Larry,  
Stephanie & Janet

#### **Worship Leaders for September 17**

**Preacher** Bryant Bakkum  
**Organist** David Willey  
**Acolyte**  
**Lector** Kathy Schallberg  
**Run A/V** Josh Bugbee  
**Ushers** Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom  
**Altar Guild** Jamie & Lori Scott  
**Altar Flowers** Mel Simonson  
**Fellowship** Rally Sunday Potluck

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#### **God Invites Our Generosity**

9/3/23 Offering: \$3,690

Attendance: 60

## **Pentecost**

September 10, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

For where two or three  
are gathered together in My Name,  
I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20

***East Union Lutheran Church***

*Carver, Minnesota*

Gathering

Prelude “Panis Angelicus” Barb and Jim

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 “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” #520

Greeting

Kyrie page 138

Glory to God page 139

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

Special Music Wirtz Family

“Listen, God Is Calling” #513

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

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God’s warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

“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 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

Sermon Pastor Gordon Braatz

Hymn of the Day “God, When Human Bonds Are Broken” #603

Apostles’ Creed page 105

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:

**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