

Pentecost

September 13, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Please hold in prayer this week	
Daniel Berg	Koreen Larson
Wendy	Charles Massey
Carol Bastianello	Beth Martin
Jacki Bowers	Racheal Maxwell
Chris Stai	Joy Zangl

Worship Leaders for September 13		Worship Leaders for September 20	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Lynn Seppman	Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte		Acolyte	
Lector	Kathy Coleman	Lector	Barb Steers
Run A/V	Josh Bugbee	Run A/V	
Ushers	Terry Hughes & Brad Gulden	Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	Jeri Bowers & Carrie Hron	Altar Guild	Jeri Bowers & Carrie Hron
Altar Flowers	Vonda Gulden	Altar Flowers	Sandy Hitzeman
Fellowship	Janet Schultz	Fellowship	Potluck

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East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

God Invites Our Generosity
9/6/26 Offering (envelopes & online giving): \$3,664
Attendance: 60

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.**

Hymn “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!” vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6 **#835**

Kyrie & Glory to God **page 138**

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob’s death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

Psalms 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

Who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” **page 142**

The Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Sermon **Pastor Bryant Bakum**

Hymn of the Day “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive” **#605**

Apostles’ Creed **page 105**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “We Are an Offering” **#692**

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.

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

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

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn “In Thee Is Gladness” **#867**

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

Thanks be to God.