

Sending

Benediction
Sending Hymn “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”, (2X) **#857**
Dismissal Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

| Please hold in prayer this week | |
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| Linda Johnson | Katie Yanez |
| Boyd Lundquist | Miles |
| Daniel Berg | Angie Pantlin |
| Wendy | Bob Steege |
| Carol Bastianello | Charles Massey |
| Mabel Hughes | Roger Sames |

| Worship Leaders for September 14 | | Worship Leaders for September 21 | |
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| Preacher | Bryant Bakkum | Preacher | Richard Braun |
| Organist | Barb Steers | Organist | Barb Steers |
| Trumpet | Jim Wirtz | Lector | Sandy Karstens |
| Lector | Kyle Bakkum | Run A/V | Jason Wieland |
| Run A/V | Jason Wieland | Ushers | Kyle Bakkum & Dave Lundquist |
| Ushers | Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom | Altar Guild | Jeri Bowers & Carrie Hron |
| Altar Guild | Jeri Bowers & Carrie Hron | Altar Flowers | Deckers |
| Altar Flowers | Mel Simonson | Fellowship | Karen Lanpher, Ron & Sandy Hitzeman |
| Fellowship | Rally Day Potluck | | |

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God Invites Our Generosity
9/7/25 Offering: \$3,014
Attendance: 60

Pentecost

September 14, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Prelude
Welcome, Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**
Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” #608
Kyrie & Glory to God page 138

Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon & Backpack Blessing

Special Music “O Sing Out, Be Joyful” Choir

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today’s reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God’s own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

Psalms 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.
Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother’s womb.
Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” page 142
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum
Hymn of the Day “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” #789
Apostles’ Creed page 105
Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “We Are an Offering” #692

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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