

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#840

Dismissal

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

Pentecost

September 17, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Please hold in prayer this week

Lori Storms	Emmett Cook
Boyd Lundquist	Terry Irwin
Karyn Baell	Debbie
Peg Scott	Anne
Sierra Monahan	Wendy

Worship Leaders for September 17

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

Worship Leaders for September 24

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	
Lector	Josh Bugbee
Run A/V	Josh Bugbee
Ushers	Tom Petersen & LuAnn Haas
Altar Guild	Jamie & Lori Scott
Altar Flowers	LuAnn Haas
Fellowship	Dave & Jan Lundquist

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Office Hours

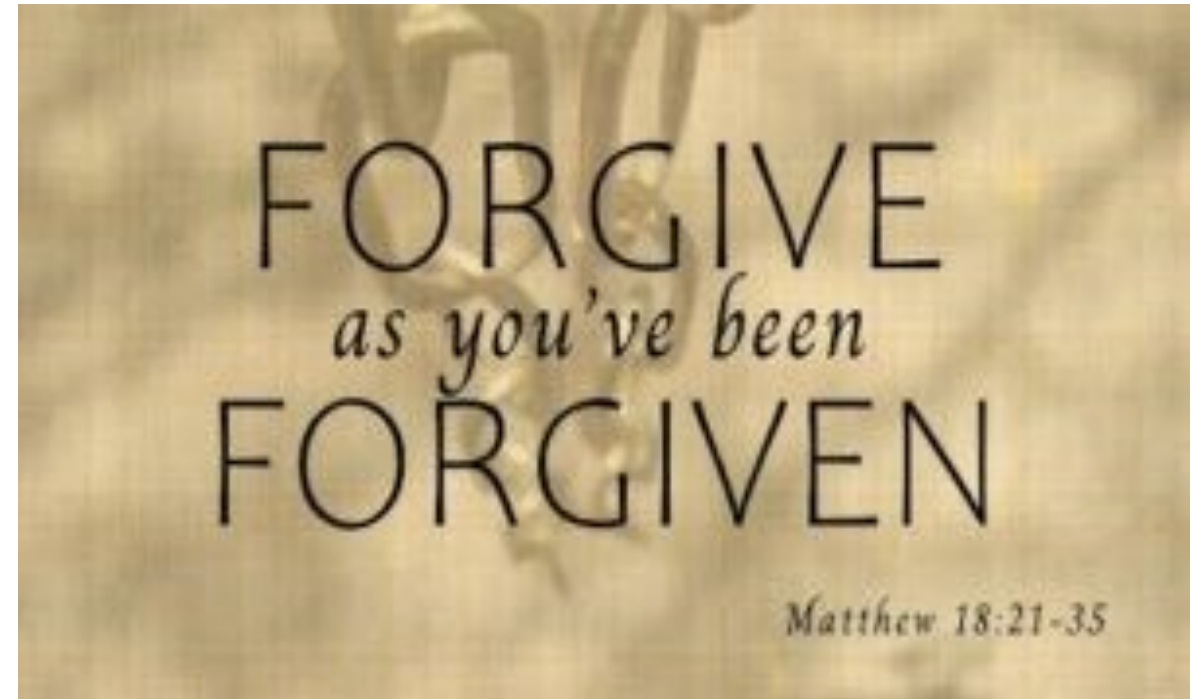
Tues. 9am—2pm

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Mon.—Wed. 8:30am—Noon



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

God Invites Our Generosity

9/10/23 Offering: \$1,120

Attendance: 77

Gathering

Ringling of the Bell

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 "Beautiful Savior" #838

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

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 & Backpack Blessing

Special Music

Choir

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.

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 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 Bakkum

Hymn of the Day "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" #779

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving page 144

Holy, Holy, Holy page 144

Words of Institution

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

Communion Hymns "Lamb of God" page 146

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.