

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” (2x)

#857

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Please hold in prayer this week

Daniel Berg
Wendy
Carol Bastianello
Jacki Bowers
Chris Stai

Koreen Larson
Charles Massey
Beth Martin
Racheal Maxwell
Joy Zangl

Worship Leaders for September 20

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	
Lector	Sarah Brendel
Run A/V	
Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	Jeri Bowers & Carrie Hron
Altar Flowers	Sandy Hitzeman
Fellowship	Rally Sunday Potluck

Worship Leaders for September 27

Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte	
Lector	Barb Steers
Run A/V	Jamie & Lori
Ushers	Kyle Bakkum & Dave Lundquist
Altar Guild	Jeri Bowers & Carrie Hron
Altar Flowers	
Fellowship	Dave & Jan Lundquist, Jon & Patty Johnson

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God Invites Our Generosity

9/13/26 Offering (envelopes & online giving): \$1,525
Attendance: 59

Pentecost

September 20, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

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.**

Gathering Hymn “You Are Mine” #581
Greeting & This Is the Feast page 140
Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon
Special Music “Let Your Light Shine” Choir
First Reading: **Jonah 3:10—4:11**

After Jonah’s short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn’t I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

Psalms 145
I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.
I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30
Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

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

The Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1-16
Jesus tells a parable about God’s generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum
Hymn of the Day “For by Grace You Have Been Saved” #598

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

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.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy page 144
Words of Institution
The Lord’s Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven... page 145
Communion “Lamb of God” page 146
“Here I Am, Lord” #574

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.