

## Sending

### Benediction

**Sending Hymn** "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" #400

**Dismissal** Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Please hold in prayer this week

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 21

<b>Preacher</b>	Richard Braun
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	Sandy Karstens
<b>Run A/V</b>	Jason Wieland
<b>Ushers</b>	Kyle Bakum & Dave Lundquist
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jeri Bowers & Carrie Hron
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Ann & Gordon Decker
<b>Fellowship</b>	Ron & Sandy Hitzeman

#### Worship Leaders for September 28

<b>Preacher</b>	Bryant Bakum
<b>Organist</b>	Barb Steers
<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	Paul Lundquist
<b>Run A/V</b>	Jamie & Lori
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jeri Bowers & Carrie Hron
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>	

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#### God Invites Our Generosity

9/14/25 Offering: \$3,414

Attendance: 87

## Pentecost

September 21, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."



## *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** "Be Thou My Vision" #793  
**Greeting & This Is the Feast** page 140

#### Prayer of the Day

**God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Word

### Kid's Sermon

#### First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

#### Psalm 113

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord. **Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.** From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised. **The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.** Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, **But stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

#### Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

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

#### The Holy Gospel Luke 16:1-13

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

**Sermon** Pastor Richard Braun

**Hymn of the Day** "Take My Life, That I May Be" #685

**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:

**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.**

## 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 Hymns** "Lamb of God" page 146

**Prayer after Communion**—Let us pray together:

**O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**