

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

#538

Dismissal

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

Please hold in prayer this week

Lori Storms
Boyd Lundquist
Karyn Baell
Peg Scott
Sierra Monahan

Emmett Cook
Terry Irwin
Debbie
Anne
Wendy

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

Worship Leaders for October 1

Preacher Bryant Bakkum

Organist Barb Steers

Acolyte

Lector Chris Hallin

Run A/V

Ushers Larry Goetze & Doug
Hillstrom

Altar Guild Barb Steers, Brenda &
Mark Lundquist

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God Invites Our Generosity

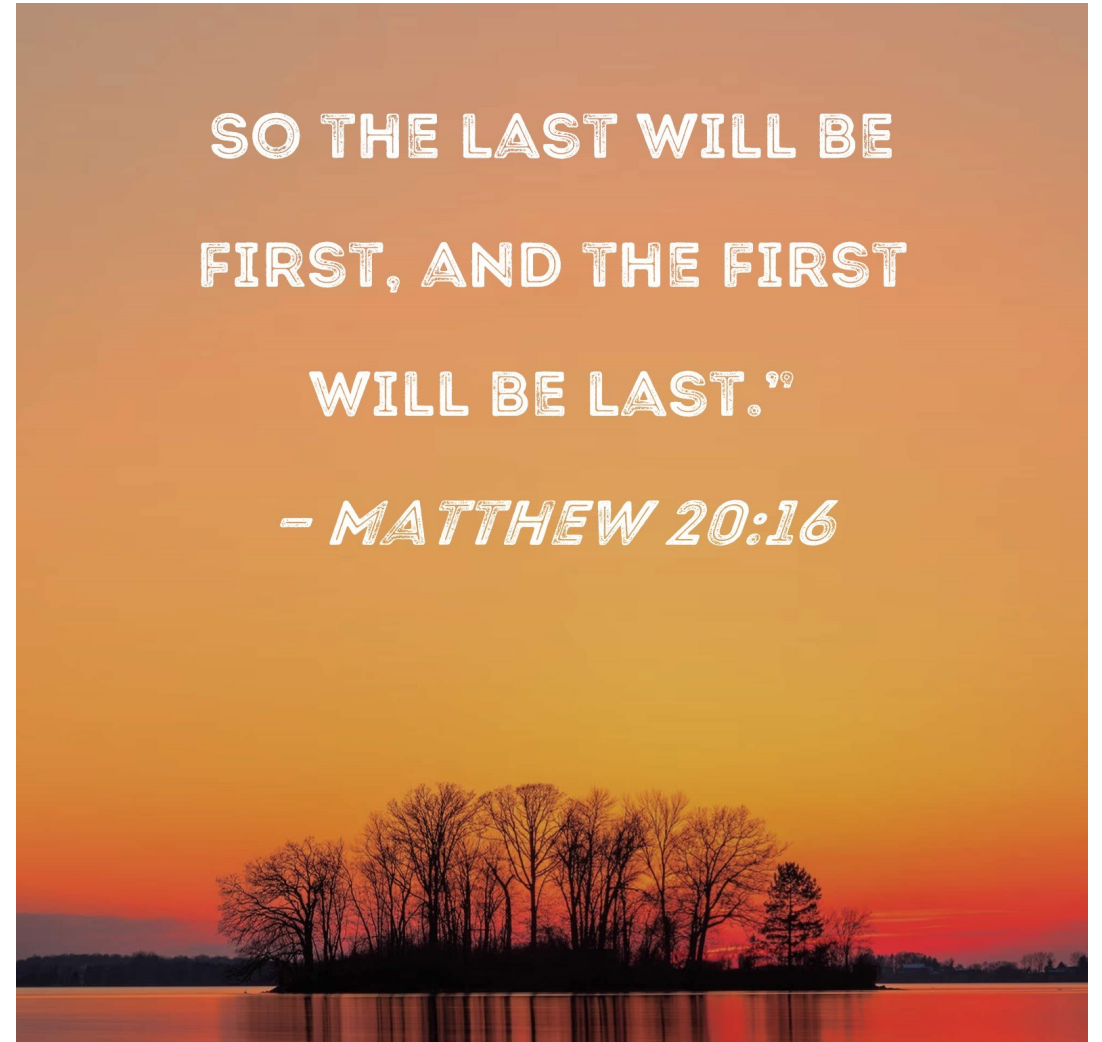
9/17/23 Attendance: 92

Pentecost

September 24, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

SO THE LAST WILL BE
FIRST, AND THE FIRST
WILL BE LAST.”

— *MATTHEW 20:16*



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Ring 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 “Give Me Jesus”, vs. 1, 3 & 5 #770

Greeting

Kyrie page 138

Glory to God page 139

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

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.

Water

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism page 227
Henry Ryan-Robert Jenneke

Word

Kid’s Sermon “Listen, God Is Calling” #513

Listen, listen, God is calling; through the word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

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?

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.

“Listen, God Is Calling” #513

Listen, listen, God is calling; through the word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news that he came to save us and set us free. Listen, listen, God is calling; through the word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

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 “Lord of All Hopefulness” #765

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “We Are an Offering” #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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.

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

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