

Pentecost

September 27, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Please hold in prayer this week	
Daniel Berg	Koreen Larson
Wendy	Charles Massey
Carol Bastianello	Racheal Maxwell
Jacki Bowers	Joy Zangl
Chris Stai	

Worship Leaders for September 27		Worship Leaders for October 4	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
Organist	Barb Steers	Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte		Acolyte	
Lector	Barb Steers	Lector	Linda Johnson
Run A/V	Jamie & Lori	Run A/V	Josh Bugbee
Ushers	Kyle Bakkum & Dave Lundquist	Ushers	Larry Goetze & Doug Hillstrom
Altar Guild	Jeri Bowers & Carrie Hron	Altar Guild	John & Sarah Brendel
Altar Flowers		Altar Flowers	
Fellowship	Jon & Patty Johnson Dave & Jan Lundquist	Fellowship	Cindy Comer & Carey Koppenberg

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East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

God Invites Our Generosity
9/20/26 Offering (envelopes & online giving): \$5,023
Attendance: 91

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.**

Hymn	“God Is Here!”	#526
Kyrie & Glory to God		page 138
Prayer of the Day		

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ’s selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

Gospel Acclamation	“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?”	page 142
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The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

Sermon	Pastor Bryant Bakkum
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Hymn of the Day	“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”	#772
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Apostles’ Creed	page 105
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Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song	“We Are an Offering”	#692
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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.

Prayers of the People	Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
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The Lord’s Prayer	Our Father, who art in heaven...	page 145
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Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn	“Strengthen for Service, Lord”	#497
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Dismissal	Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. Thanks be to God.
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