

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.

Sending

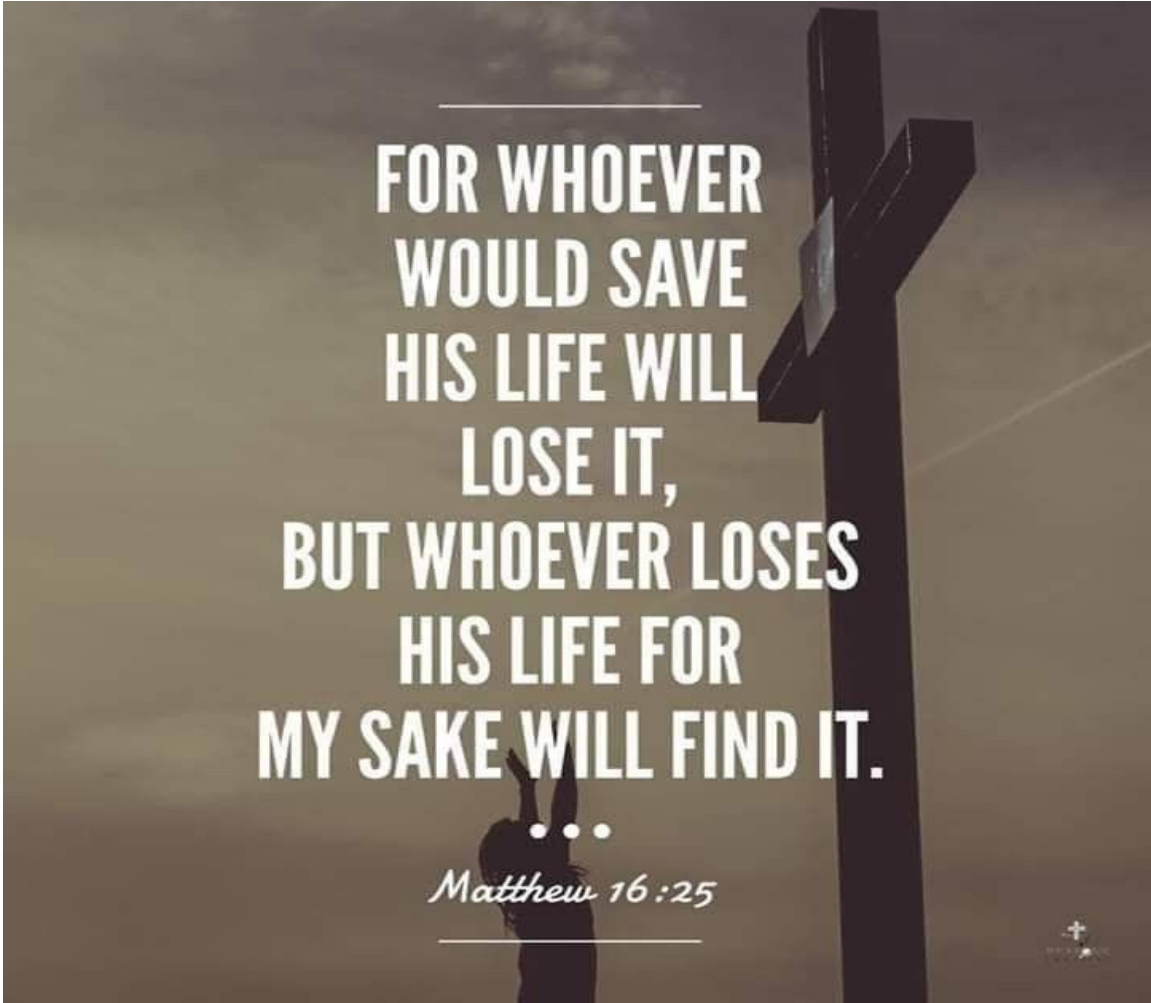
Benediction
Sending Hymn “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”, vs. 1 & 2 **#808**
Dismissal Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God!**

Please hold in prayer this week			
Lois Gustafson	John Bruner		
Lori Storms	Emmett Cook		
Boyd Lundquist	Terry Irwin		
Karyn Baell	Debbie		
Worship Leaders for September 3		Worship Leaders for September 10	
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Bryant Bakkum
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Lector	Barb Steers	Lector	Sarah Brendel
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God Invites Our Generosity
8/27/23 Offering: \$3,006
Attendance: 80

Pentecost

September 3, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

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 “In the Singing” #466

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah’s delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God’s hand upon him and God’s seeming unfaithfulness. God’s tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, “I am with you.”

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

“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 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “Will You Come and Follow Me” #798

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

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.

Meal

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Words of Institution

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

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“I Am the Bread of Life” #485