

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 AM



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University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and a sanctuary congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshipping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at ulch@ulch.org.
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Susan Debner, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Marty Lewis-Hunstiger (assisting minister); The Hope Choir, Maureen Armstrong (musicians); Ann Agrimson, Ruth Hedman (communion servers); Scott Hvizdos (lector); Ann Beane, Seth Strudthoff (worship tech facilitators); Sheila Hougen (Zoom facilitator); Muffi Abrahamson (greeter); Bimose Rowan, Jim Rowan, Tim Abrahamson, Elaine Reed (ushers); Viva Whitney (acolyte); Serafina Scheel (altar guild); Ann Agrimson, Nancy Miller (communion clean-up); Donna Neste, Ann Rolle (healing prayer); Sonja Peterson (land acknowledgment)

GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able.

Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

ACS refers to *All Creation Sings*, an *ELW* supplement.

Prelude Settings on All Creatures, Worship God Most High Dengler/Bottomley

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgement, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

+ Thanksgiving for Baptism

Beloveds in Christ,

Through the waters of baptism, we are brought into the family of God. The body of Christ is rich in Divine creativity, a community of people of many genders, races, body types, abilities and hungers; each a glimpse of God from a different angle.

God claims us with delight. We claim one another as companions.

In baptism, we promise to love and support each other, working together to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in all its forms – within us and around us.

We need each other.

Today, we remember that the love we encounter through these waters cannot be undermined by bigotry or hate, by exclusion or injustice.

We are children of the Holy One, Siblings in the life of God.

No one and nothing has the power to turn us away from our Creator.
We cannot be kicked out, or accepted only in part.

The full embrace of God always extends to us.

And so today, we remember that through the baptism into a new life in Christ, we are set free to love wildly and live authentically. We rejoice in the Good News and the grace that sets the captives free.

Amen.

Stanzas 1,4, 6

+ **Greeting**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Right Side Upping God, **this is an upside down world where people are divided and creation is shredded. Give us vision and hope for how you are turning it around. We pray in protest and in peace. Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Psalm 116:1-9

Read responsively

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave
came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from
stumbling;**

I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Yo amo al SEÑOR

porque él escucha mi voz de súplica.

**Por cuanto él inclina a mí su oído,
lo invocaré toda mi vida.**

Los lazos de la muerte me enredaron;
me sorprendió la angustia del sepulcro
y caí en la ansiedad y la aflicción.

Entonces clamé al SEÑOR:

«¡Te ruego, SEÑOR, que me salves la vida!».

El SEÑOR es misericordioso y justo;
nuestro Dios es compasivo.

**El SEÑOR protege a la gente sencilla;
estaba yo muy débil, y él me salvó.**

¡Ya puedes, alma mía, estar tranquila,
porque el SEÑOR ha sido bueno contigo!

**Tú, SEÑOR, me has librado de la muerte,
has enjugado mis lágrimas,
no me has dejado tropezar.**

Por eso andaré siempre delante del SEÑOR
en esta tierra de los vivientes.

+ Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ Gospel Reading - Mark 8:27-38

The gospel according to Mark the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” Jesus asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son-of-Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. Jesus said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Jesus called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Jesús y sus discípulos salieron hacia las aldeas de Cesarea de Filipo. En el camino les preguntó:—¿Quién dice la gente que soy yo? Le respondieron:—Unos dicen que Juan el Bautista, otros que Elías y otros que uno de los profetas. —Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo? —preguntó Jesús. —Tú eres el Cristo —afirmó Pedro. Jesús ordenó que no hablaran a nadie acerca de él. Luego comenzó a enseñarles: —El Hijo del hombre tiene que sufrir muchas cosas y ser rechazado por los líderes religiosos, por los jefes de los sacerdotes y por los maestros de la Ley. Es necesario que lo maten y que a los tres días resucite. Habló de esto con toda claridad. Pedro lo llevó aparte y comenzó a reprenderlo. Pero Jesús se dio la vuelta, miró a sus discípulos y reprendió a Pedro. —¡Aléjate de mí, Satanás! —le dijo—. Tú no piensas en las cosas de Dios, sino en las de los hombres. Entonces llamó a la multitud y a sus discípulos.—Si alguien quiere ser mi discípulo —dijo—, que se niegue a sí mismo, tome su cruz y me siga. Porque el que quiera salvar su vida la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mi causa y por el evangelio la salvará.

El Evangelio del Señor. **Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

Sermon - Pastor Susan Debner

+ **Hymn of the Day** If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers ("Though I May Speak")

If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
And don't live out a faith that dares,
And don't take on the ways of death,
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

If we just dream of what could be
And do not build community,
And do not seek to change our ways,
Our dreams of change are false displays.

If we just sing of doing good
And don't walk through our neighborhood
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,
Our talk of good is simply vain.

God, may our prayers and dreams and songs
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs —
That works for peace and justice, too.
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.

+ **Prayers of the People**

Following each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."

MEAL

Offertory

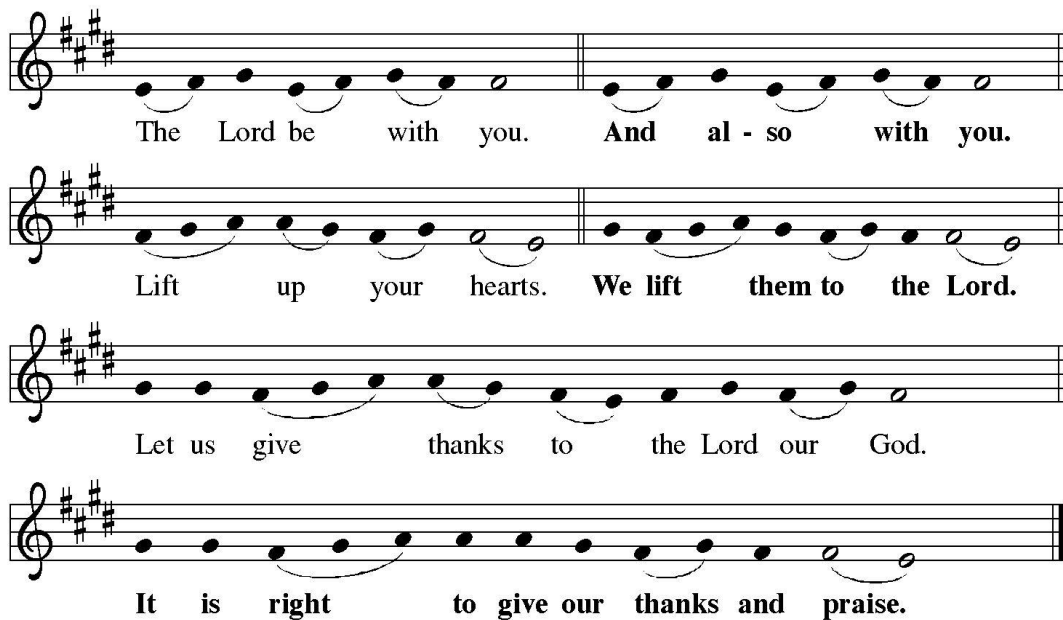
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William Boyce

+Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are at home and sitting with others...

When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."

If you are at home on your own...

Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."

If you are worshiping in-person today...

We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. If you'd prefer, coming forward to the front for a blessing is always an option. Children of all ages are welcome to partake in the bread and juice at Holy Communion.

If you seek healing prayers today...

A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will. During this time, you may also dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, and light candles for situations around the world and close to home.

Music During Communion

O God in Heaven
O God, My Faithful God

ELW 748
ELW 806

+Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

+Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

+Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful
‡ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

+Dismissal

Go in peace.
You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God!

¡Vaya en Paz!
Eres el cuerpo de Cristo.
Gracias a Dios!

Postlude

All Creatures, Worship God Most High

Paul Manz

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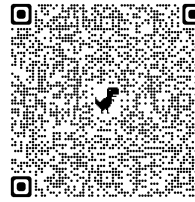
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