

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 2025
10:30 AM



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 Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding minister); Pastor Kathryn Tiede (preacher); James Flaten (assisting minister); The Hope Choir, Paul Stever (musicians); Stewart Herman (lector); Karilyn Alexander, Jack Dant, Diane Greve, Wayne Lee (communion servers); Alex Carlson, Seth Strudthoff (tech facilitators); Muffie Abrahamson (Zoom facilitator); Sharlene Hensrud (greeter); Tim Abrahamson, Scott Hvizdos, Uli Koester (ushers); Malena Carlson (acolyte); Donna Neste, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (healing prayer); Ann Lee (land acknowledgement); Ann Agrimson, John Beane (communion clean-up); Linnea Pignatello (fellowship host)

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 Chant Vespéral, Op.112, No. 12 Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)

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 acknowledgment, 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

We join Jesus in the waters of baptism, and we are raised to life anew.
Together let us give thanks for this gracious gift.

**Mothering God, Our hearts are full of gratitude for you formed us in your divine image.
Your living water joins our very beings together.
You meet us in our despair and embrace us with grace and love.**

When Hagar felt abandoned
you gave her strength to live for generations to come.

When the Samaritan woman went to the well alone
you gave her good news to share.

We have joy in our hearts for your liberating waters.
**You free us to see one another in this isolating world
and nourish our spirits when we feel unseen.**

Fill us, renew us, and call us by our name. We honor you, and we give you our praise,
through + Jesus your anointed one with the unifying breath of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*From the *Sighs too Deep for Words* Liturgy*

Processional Hymn Arise, Your Light Has Come ELW 314

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. Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embody them in our living as individuals and communities, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ Glory to God *Choir sings and all echo in Spanish, then English* ACS Setting 11 (Peru)



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
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WORD

Children's Message

Reading - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Entonces todo el pueblo, como un solo hombre, se reunió en la plaza que está frente a la puerta del Agua y pidió al maestro Esdras traer el libro de la Ley que el SEÑOR había dado a Israel por medio de Moisés. Así que el día primero del mes séptimo, el sacerdote Esdras llevó la Ley ante la asamblea, que estaba compuesta de hombres y mujeres y de todos los que podían comprender la lectura. Entonces la leyó en presencia de ellos desde el alba hasta el mediodía en la plaza que está frente a la puerta del Agua. Todo el pueblo estaba muy atento a la lectura del libro de la Ley. Esdras, a quien la gente podía ver porque él estaba en un lugar más alto, abrió el libro y todo el pueblo se puso de pie. Entonces Esdras bendijo al SEÑOR, el gran Dios. Y todo el pueblo, levantando las manos, respondió: «¡Amén y amén!». Luego adoraron al SEÑOR, postrándose rostro en tierra. Ellos leían con claridad el libro de la Ley de Dios y lo interpretaban de modo que se comprendiera su lectura. Al oír las palabras de la Ley, la gente comenzó a llorar. Por eso el gobernador Nehemías, el sacerdote y maestro Esdras y los levitas que enseñaban al pueblo dijeron: «No lloren ni se pongan tristes, porque este día ha sido consagrado al SEÑOR su Dios». Luego Nehemías añadió: «Ya pueden irse. Coman bien, tomen bebidas dulces y compartan su comida con quienes no tengan nada, porque este día ha sido consagrado a nuestro Señor. No estén tristes, pues el gozo del SEÑOR es su fortaleza».

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

+ **Gospel Acclamation**

All sing in Spanish, then English

ACS Setting 11 (Honduras)

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris 'n in - deed.

Gospel Reading - Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Jesús regresó a Galilea en el poder del Espíritu y se extendió su fama por toda aquella región. Enseñaba en las sinagogas y todos lo admiraban. Fue a Nazaret, donde se había criado, y un sábado entró en la sinagoga, como era su costumbre. Se levantó para hacer la lectura y le entregaron el libro del profeta Isaías. Al desarrollarlo, encontró el lugar donde estaba escrito: «El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, por cuanto me ha ungido para anunciar buenas noticias a los pobres. Me ha enviado a proclamar libertad a los cautivos y dar vista a los ciegos, a poner en libertad a los oprimidos, a pregonar el año del favor del Señor». Luego enrolló el libro, se lo devolvió al ayudante y se sentó. Todos los que estaban en la sinagoga lo miraban detenidamente y él comenzó a hablarles: «Hoy se cumple esta Escritura en presencia de ustedes».

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Sermon - Pastor Kathryn Tiede

Hymn of the Day

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

+ Prayers of the People

Please note that additional congregational prayers can be found in the weekly e-news called the Thursday Epistle.

*Following each petition: God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

+ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

And also with you.

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

Day by Day

arr. Paul J. Christiansen (1914-1997)

Day by day in mercy, Lord attend me, O what comfort in this hope to rest! All that Thou in love divine dost send me, Draws me Savior, closer to Thy breast. Thou dost love more tenderly than ever Earthy father careth for his own: Sorrows heavy burden Thou wilt never Suffer me to carry all alone.

O what joy to live within Thy favor, Trustingly to rest my soul in Thee; Help me, Lord, that I may never waver, Nor forget Thy loving care for me; For I know no matter what betide me, Thou wilt ever hold me by the hand; With thy presence, Savior, here to guide me, I shall reach at last my native land.

Thank you for your continued generosity! Donations may be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. A QR code is available on the last page of the bulletin.

+Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, **for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

+The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right....we join their unending hymn:

+Sanctus

ACS Setting 11 (from Puerto Rico)



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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. 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.



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain
 Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

+Table Blessing

This bread and wine is the gift of God for all people. Be what you see; receive who you are. **Amen.**

adapted from progressivechristianity.org

+Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God, Strengthen us for service through this shared meal, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

SENDING

+Announcements

+Sending Hymn The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ELW 551

+Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude An Organ Carol for Epiphany Franklin Ashdown (1942-2023)

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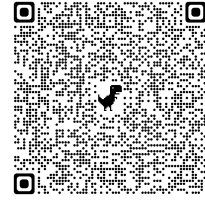
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