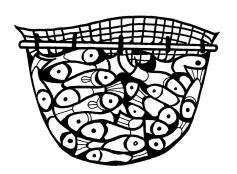
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 9, 2025 10:30 AM



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 worshiping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

For those worshiping 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); Kirsten Mebust (assisting minister); The ULCHers Band (Tim Gustafson, Paul Odenbach, and Mark Nelson) and Paul Stever (musicians); Jason Lukis (lector); Bruce Eldevik, Rosalie Eldevik, Lynette Lamb, Wayne Lee (communion servers); Seth Strudthoff (tech facilitator); Dan Bielenberg (Zoom facilitator); Kenneth Sarkela (greeter); Kelleen Brooks, Randall Brooks, Bimose Rowan, Jim Rowan (ushers); Anja Lukis, Junia Lukis (acolytes); Ruth Hedman (altar guild); Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Ann Rolle (healing prayer); Sonja Peterson (land acknowledgement); Julie Paschke, Robert Paschke (communion clean-up)

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

Here I Am, Lord Arr. Robert Bucklee Farlee (2000)

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** Holy, Ho

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

ELW 413

+ 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 of hosts; Lord of the inhibited, Speak to us in challenge; speak to us with gentleness. Burn away our fear. Strengthen us to let down our guards once more. Raise us up to stand in your good news. Amen.

"Prayer adapted from Rev. Inger Hanson as part of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis, MN) expansive prayer project. Used by permission."



WORD

Children's Message

Reading - Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of the Lord's robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above the Lord; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of the glory of the Lord." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the Sovereign, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

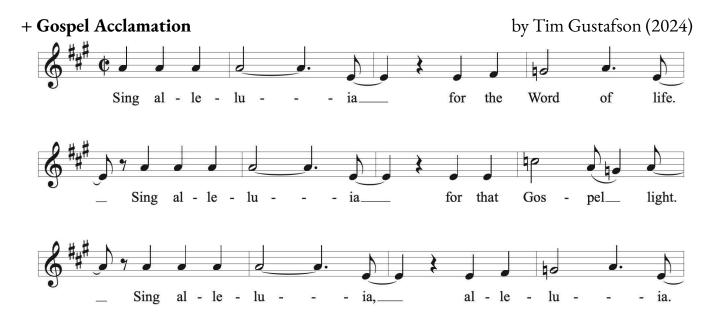
Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

El año de la muerte del rey Uzías vi al Señor sentado en un trono alto y excelso; las orlas de su manto llenaban el Templo. Por encima de él había serafines, cada uno de los cuales tenía seis alas: con dos de ellas se cubrían el rostro, con dos se cubrían los pies y con dos volaban. Y se decían el uno al otro: «Santo, santo, santo es el Señor de los Ejércitos; toda la tierra está llena de su gloria». Al sonido de sus voces se estremecieron los umbrales de las puertas y el Templo se llenó de humo. Entonces grité: «¡Ay de mí, que estoy perdido! Soy un hombre de labios impuros y vivo en medio de un pueblo de labios impuros y mis ojos han visto al Rey, al Señor de los Ejércitos». En ese momento voló hacia mí uno de los serafines. Traía en la mano una brasa que, con unas tenazas, había tomado del altar. Con ella me tocó los labios y me dijo: «Mira, esto ha tocado tus labios; tu maldad ha sido borrada y tu pecado, perdonado». Entonces oí la voz del Señor que decía: —¿A quién enviaré? ¿Quién irá por nosotros? Y respondí: — Aquí estoy. ¡Envíame a mí!

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.





+ Gospel Reading - Luke 5:1-11

The holy gospel according to Luke, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; those who were fishing had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For Simon and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon - Pastor Susan Debner

Hymn of the Day

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

Un día estaba Jesús a orillas del lago de Genesaret y la gente lo apretujaba para escuchar el mensaje de Dios. Entonces vio dos barcas que los pescadores habían dejado en la playa mientras lavaban las redes. Subió a una de las barcas, que pertenecía a Simón, y le pidió que la alejara un poco de la playa. Luego se sentó, y enseñaba a la gente desde la barca. Cuando acabó de hablar, dijo a Simón: —Lleva la barca hacia aguas más profundas y echen allí las redes para pescar. —Maestro, hemos estado trabajando duro toda la noche y no hemos pescado nada —contestó Simón—. Pero, como tú me lo mandas, echaré las redes. Así lo hicieron y recogieron una cantidad tan grande de peces que las redes se les rompían. Entonces llamaron por señas a sus compañeros de la otra barca para que los ayudaran. Ellos se acercaron y llenaron tanto las dos barcas que comenzaron a hundirse. Al ver esto, Simón Pedro cayó de rodillas delante de Jesús y le dijo:—¡Apártate de mí, Señor; soy un pecador! Es que él y todos sus compañeros estaban asombrados ante la pesca que habían hecho, como también lo estaban Santiago y Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que eran socios de Simón.—No temas, desde ahora serás pescador de hombres —dijo Jesús a Simón. Así que llevaron las barcas a tierra y, dejándolo todo, lo siguieron.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

+ Immigrants' Creed

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger, and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power, who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

I believe that the church is the secure home for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose. I believe that the communion of the saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal, and in reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race, language, or nationality.

I believe that in the resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time. Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal in which no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's kingdom, which will never end. Amen.

"The Immigrants' Creed" is excerpted from The Book of Common Worship: 2018 Edition.

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+ 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

Let a New Day Dawn

by Tim Gustafson (2020)

Let a new day dawn; Let the dark be gone. Let a new day dawning rise with your song.

Let the dark be gone; Let a new day dawn.

Let the light shine through; Let the light be new; Let the windows show the light burning true.

Let the light shine through; Let the light be new.

Unlock the door, unlock your heart; Reveal the light, play your part.

Pay the debt, make a choice; Raise the bar, raise your voice.

Let your hope grow strong; Let your hope live long. Let the future show the truth of your song.

Let your hope grow strong; Let your hope live long.

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+ 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.



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



+ 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...

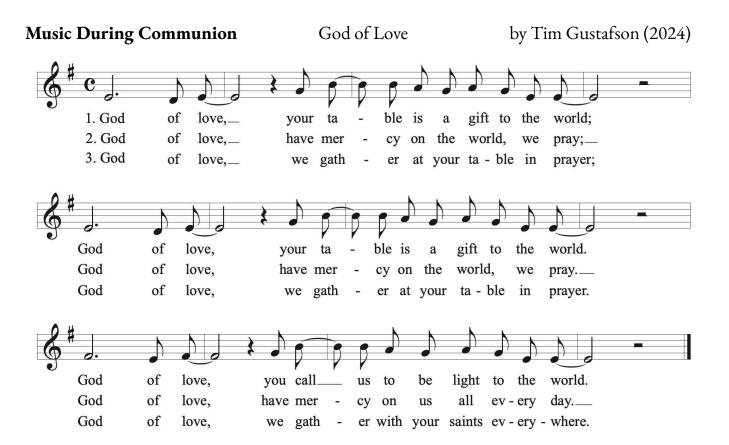
Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."

If you are worshiping in-person today...

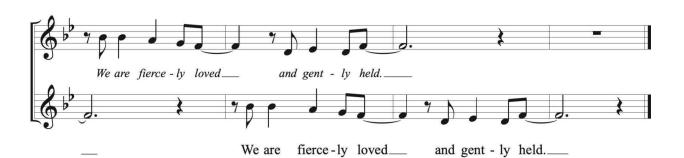
We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red 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.







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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** Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798

+ Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, \pm 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 Send Us Out by Tim Gustafson (2024)

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