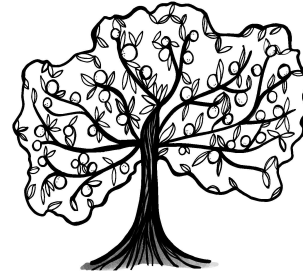


Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025
10:30 AM



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 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.

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.

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 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy arr. Harold Stover

Welcome

New Member Welcome

+ Litany of Confession

We remember...**the generous gifts of creation and God's promise of enough.**

We remember... **acres sold and treaties breaking, settlers unsettling and systems taking.**

We remember... **the isolation of immigration, homesteads far from new neighbors and old country.**

We remember... **Dakota people already and not yet, and resilient voices in this generation.**

We remember... **farmers who labor to feed the world, who know wind and weather in their bones.**

All: We confess we forget that we belong to each other and to this land.

(silence for reflection and time to remember)

L: Beloved of Christ,

Know yourself forgiven and connected to the gifts of creation and to each other, all relations of the God who re-members.

All: Re-member us, O God. Amen.

(adapted from Meta Herrick Carlson's "We Remember: A Litany for the Land")

+ **Gathering Hymn** Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (*Vss. 1-4*) ELW 777

+ 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.

+ Kyrie

ACS communion setting 12 by Anne Krentz Organ

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

+ Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, **your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, we pray. Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Reading - Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of
Israel, for he has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found,

«¡Vengan a las aguas
todos los que tengan sed!
¡Vengan a comprar y a comer
los que no tengan dinero!
Vengan, compren vino y leche
sin pago alguno.
¿Por qué gastan dinero en lo que no es pan
y su salario en lo que no satisface?
Escúchenme bien: comerán lo que es bueno
y se deleitarán con manjares deliciosos.
Presten atención y vengan a mí,
escúchenme y vivirán.
Haré con ustedes un pacto eterno,
conforme a mi inquebrantable amor por David.
Lo he puesto como testigo para los pueblos,
como su gobernante supremo.
Sin duda convocarás a naciones que no conocías
y naciones que no te conocían correrán hacia ti,
gracias al SEÑOR tu Dios, el Santo de Israel,
que te ha colmado de honor».

call upon him while he is near;
 let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return
 to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to
 our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Busquen al SEÑOR mientras se deje encontrar,
 llámenlo mientras esté cercano.
 Que abandone el malvado su camino
 y el perverso sus pensamientos.
 Que se vuelva al SEÑOR, a nuestro Dios, que es
 generoso para perdonar y de él recibirá compasión.
 «Porque mis pensamientos no son los de ustedes
 ni sus caminos son los míos», afirma el SEÑOR.
 «Mis caminos y mis pensamientos son más altos que
 los de ustedes; ¡más altos que los cielos sobre la tierra!

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

+ Gospel Acclamation

ACS communion setting 12 by Anne Krentz Organ



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

+ Gospel Reading - Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree,

En aquella ocasión, algunos que habían llegado contaron a Jesús cómo Pilato había dado muerte a unos galileos cuando ellos ofrecían sus sacrificios. Jesús respondió: «¿Piensan ustedes que esos galileos por haber sufrido así eran más pecadores que todos los demás galileos? ¡Les digo que no! De la misma manera, todos ustedes perecerán a menos que se arrepientan. ¿O piensan que aquellos dieciocho que fueron aplastados por la torre de Siloé eran más culpables que todos los demás habitantes de Jerusalén? ¡Les digo que no! De la misma manera, todos ustedes perecerán a menos que se arrepientan». Entonces les contó esta parábola: «Un hombre tenía una higuera plantada en su viñedo, pero cuando fue a buscar fruto en ella, no encontró nada. Así que dijo al viñador:

and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

“Mira, ya hace tres años que vengo a buscar fruto en esta higuera y no he encontrado nada. ¡Córtala! ¿Para qué ha de ocupar terreno?”. “Señor —contestó el viñador—, déjela todavía por un año más, para que yo pueda cavar a su alrededor y echarle abono. Tal vez así, más adelante dé fruto; de lo contrario, córtela”».

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

Sermon - Danny Reinschmidt, Lutheran Campus Ministry Student

Hymn of the Day

As Rain from the Clouds

ELW 508

+ 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 in your mercy, **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.”

Temple Talk

MEAL

Offertory

Aus Der Tiefen, BWV 131.1

by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Aus der Tiefen rufe ich, Herr, zu dir. Out of the depths I call to you, O God.

Herr, höre meine Stimme, laß deine Ohren merken auf die Stimme meines Flehens!

God, hear my voice. Let your ears take note at the voicing of my pleas! -Psalm 130: 1-2

NB: Next week our choir with a group of instrumentalists will present this entire cantata by J.S. Bach. See the last page of this bulletin for more information about upcoming Lenten worship.

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. Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others and all creation. 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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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 worshipping 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.

Music During Communion



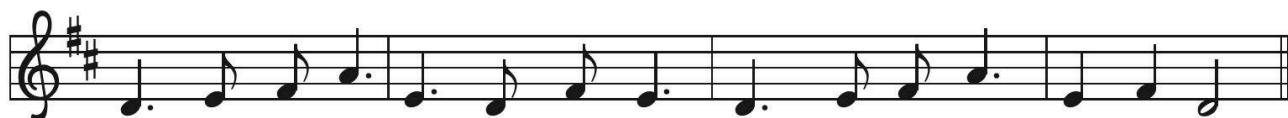
1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
 2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
 3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—
 lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—
 quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
 Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
 Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody

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O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW 658

Light Dawn on a Weary World

ELW 726

Table Blessing

May these abundant gifts of Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Generous Host, you have shared the fruits of creation with us in a feast that makes us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities and with the land, that your liberating love might nourish all, in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING

+ Announcements

+ Sending Hymn

God of the Fertile Fields

ACS 1063



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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+ Blessing

God our creator, God the in the flesh, God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+ Dismissal

Go with Christ, rooted in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

arr. Brenda Portman

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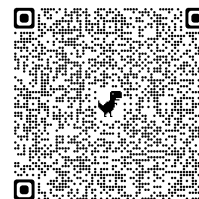
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Today’s Worship Leaders

Pastor Susan Debner, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); James Flaten (assisting minister); The Hope Choir and Paul Stever (musicians); Emily Pickering (lector); John Beane, Ruth Hedman, Beth Kautz, John Lauber (communion servers); Dan Bielenberg, Seth Strudthoff (tech facilitators); Kirsten Mebust (Zoom facilitator); Uli Koester, John Pignatello, Williams Santana, Karen Westwood (ushers); Carol Flaten (altar guild); Diane Greve, Donna Neste (healing prayer); Carol Flaten, Pauline Hendrickson (communion clean-up)

Lenten Worship Schedule

April 2 (Wed): Bless this Night, Vespers service 6:30pm (chapel/YouTube)

During Lent this year we get to learn a new liturgy "Bless This Night" Holden Vespers '23. Created in the Holden Village community, this service seeks to honor night and darkness as times of blessing and renewal in our lives. It also has themes of creation, embodiment, and justice. Songs include Evening Hymn, Psalm 121, The Angel's Appearance, Mary's Song, and The Prayer of Jesus. You can read more about the service on their website: <https://fireweedliturgies.com/about> and look for our service on YouTube as well!

April 6 (Sun): Lent 5, J.S. Bach Cantata 131 led by the Hope Choir

On April 6, the Hope Choir and a group of professional instrumentalists will lead the service and present Bach Cantata 131 (composed 1707 or 1708) Aus Der Tiefe (Out of the Depths) based on Psalm 130. Paul Stever will sing the two solo aria movements which use text from the chorale "Herr Jesu Christ, du höchstes Gut". Thanks so much to all our member musicians and guests who are working so hard to prepare this exceptional music. Tell your friends to join us for this Sunday of beautiful music for the final Sunday of Lent before Holy Week!

April 9 (Wed): Bless this Night, Vespers service 6:30pm (chapel/YouTube)

April 16 (Sun): Palm Sunday, Music led by the Hope Choir

April 17 Maundy Thursday 7pm service (in the sanctuary), Music led by the TB singers from Hope Choir

April 18 Good Friday 7pm service (in the sanctuary), Music led by the SA singers from Hope Choir

April 19 Easter Vigil 7pm service

April 20 Easter, Music led by the Hope Choir and guest brass quartet

Sunday Organ Recital, May 4 at 3pm

On Sunday May 4 at 3:00, Dr. Stephen May will present a free program of organ music at University Lutheran Church of Hope (601 13th Ave SE, Minneapolis). The program includes a prelude of Dietrich Buxtehude, a new transcription of J. S. Bach's D minor partita, Samuel Scheidt's Magnificat on the 8th tone (with Paul Stever, Minister of Worship and Music at ULCH, singing the chant), and the third sonata of Josef Rheinberger. (The program will be repeated on May 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield.)