Welcome. Peace be with you.

Welcome to all who are joining us virtually. In this time of social distancing and COVID-19 pandemic response, we are grateful for the opportunity to gather in spirit.

Children are welcome in worship. Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles and set up your craft tables!

In our service today, we will share **Holy Communion**. If you'd like to participate, please have bread and wine or juice available.

We welcome your feedback as we experiment with online worship! What works or doesn't work? What should we try? Our contact info is on the back page of this bulletin.

During today's service, **use the comments** section on YouTube or chat section on Zoom for prayer requests. We will engage these live during the Prayers of the People.

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.

The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Jen Nagel (presiding minister); Pastor Barbara Johnson (preaching



minister); Stewart Herman (assisting minister); Zach Busch; Hope Choir (music); Jo Schroeder (lector); Liz Brondos Fry, Matt Fry (tech facilitators)

gathering

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.

Assembly parts are marked in bold.

Prelude - God is Love



Text: Mark Mummert, b. 1965, based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19 Music: GOD IS LOVE, Mark Mummert Text and music © 2018 Augsburg Fortress

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

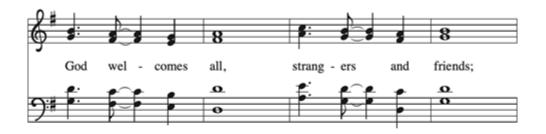
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

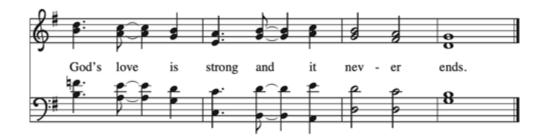
Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

Opening Song - God Welcomes All





Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.
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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Alleluia! Christ is risen! ¡Aleluya! ¡Christo ha resucitado!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Cristo ha en verdad resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

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

Let us pray. O God,

you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

word

Reading - Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Mientras Pedro estaba todavía hablando, el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre todos los que escuchaban el mensaje. Los defensores de la circuncisión que habían llegado con Pedro se quedaron asombrados de que el don del Espíritu Santo se hubiera derramado también sobre los gentiles, pues los oían hablar en lenguas y alabar a Dios. Entonces Pedro respondió: -¿Acaso puede alguien negar el agua para que sean bautizados estos que han recibido el Espíritu Santo lo mismo que nosotros? Y mandó que fueran bautizados en el nombre de Jesucristo. Entonces le pidieron que se quedara con ellos algunos días.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Psalmody - Psalm 98, paraphrase setting by Zach Busch

Refrain: Lift up your voice, rejoice, God has done marvelous things!

The reign of love is victorious, rejoice and sing!

Sing to the Lord with the horn, sing to the Lord with the harp.

Take up your trumpet and sound the voice of song in your heart!

Let the sea roar! Let the rivers clap their hands!

Let the mountains sing together with joy! *Refrain*

Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6, adapted

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey God's commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey God's commandments. And God's commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Todo el que cree que Jesús es el Cristo ha nacido de Dios, y todo el que ama al padre ama también a sus hijos. Así, cuando amamos a Dios y cumplimos sus mandamientos, sabemos que amamos a los hijos de Dios. En esto consiste el amor a Dios: en que obedezcamos sus mandamientos. Y estos no son difíciles de cumplir, porque todo el que ha nacido de Dios vence al mundo. Esta es la victoria que vence al mundo: nuestra fe. ¿Quién es el que vence al mundo sino el que cree que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios?

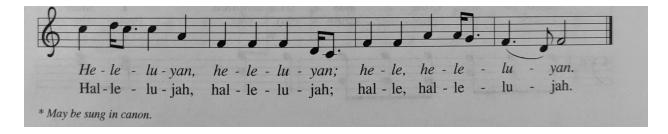
Este es el que vino mediante agua y sangre, Jesucristo; no solo mediante agua, sino mediante agua y sangre. El Espíritu es quien da testimonio de esto, porque el Espíritu es la verdad.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios. Aleluya.

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel Reading - John 15:9-17, translation from The Inclusive Bible

The holy gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you. Live on in my love. And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in Abba God's love and have kept God's commandments. I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. And you are my friends, if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because a subordinate doesn't know a superior's business. Instead I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from Abba God. It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name God will give you. This command I give you: that you love one another."

»Así como el Padre me ha amado a mí, también yo los he amado a ustedes. Permanezcan en mi amor. Si obedecen mis mandamientos, permanecerán en mi amor, así como yo he obedecido los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor. Les he dicho esto para que tengan mi alegría y así su alegría sea completa. Y este es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros, como yo los he amado. Nadie tiene amor más grande que el dar la vida por sus amigos. Ustedes son mis amigos si hacen lo que yo les mando. Ya no los llamo siervos, porque el siervo no está al tanto de lo que hace su amo; los he llamado amigos, porque todo lo que a mi Padre le oí decir se lo he dado a conocer a ustedes. No me escogieron ustedes a mí, sino que yo los escogí a ustedes y los comisioné para que vayan y den fruto, un fruto que perdure. Así el Padre les dará todo lo que le pidan en mi nombre. Este es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros.

The gospel of the Lord.

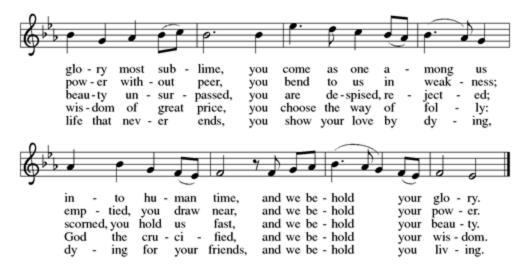
Praise to you, O Christ.

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

Homily - Pastor Barbara Johnson

Hymn of the Day - Holy God, Holy and Glorious





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Music: NELSON, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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Remembrance and Prayer for Ed Nyhus and Jack Parry

Statement of Faith - Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sung response, to the tune "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Alleluia.

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 in whatever way is comfortable, using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor"

meal

Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Offerings can be sent electronically or by mail.

Information on the last page of the bulletin.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

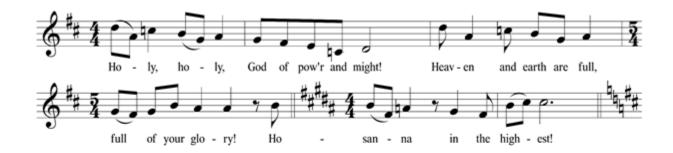
Lift up your hearts.

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:





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 voluntaden 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, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune. If you are 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 aren't with others, today, 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."

Music During Communion - Dona nobis pacem ("Grant us peace")





Table Blessing

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

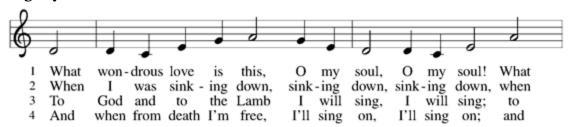
Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

sending

Announcements

Closing Hymn - What Wondrous Love Is This







and

me,

through e - ter - ni - ty

I'll sing

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt. Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

sing God's love for

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

I'll

Creator, # Christ, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share this good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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