

First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021
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 experiment of returning to worshipping together while also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all who are joining us in worship!

For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **Masks are required indoors.** They are optional outdoors when distance can be kept.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by keeping distance and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). We know that while some are fully vaccinated, children and others are not.
- ❖ **Our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan** is available here: <http://www.ulch.org/ulch-response-to-covid-19>
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families.
- ❖ **After worship, take time for fellowship and conversation outdoors.** The courtyard and patios are great spots to linger and connect!

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Jen Nagel (presiding minister); James Flaten (assisting minister); Bergen Eickhoff (musician); Scott Hvizdos (lector); Mike Kneer, Gretchen Peik, Sarah Wille (communion servers); Dan Bielenberg, Nick Peterson (tech facilitators); Ann Agrimson (Zoom facilitator); Chantal Branker, Carol Flaten (altar guild); Lynette Lamb, Cyndi Ganzkow-Wold (greeters); Karen Westwood, Karen Jorstad, Ron Sorensen (ushers); Nancy Miller, Wayne Westwood (communion clean-up)

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.

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able.

Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

Prelude

Welcome

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,
in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,

† your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,

inheritors of the eternal promise,

and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

+ Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

+ 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.

+ Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer of the Day

Nashandi Family - Ndilimeke, Tulela, M'taleni, and Katsuwe

This Advent we wait in hope.
We wait for the birth of Jesus.
We light candles to kindle our hope in this waiting time.
Today we will light the first candle.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The psalmist sings:

“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
My God, I put my trust in you.”

Would you pray with us?

Stir up your power, O Christ,

and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice. For you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the first candle.

word

Children’s Message - Pastoral Intern Emily Brown

Reading - Jeremiah 33:14–16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

»”Llegarán días —afirma el Señor—, en que cumpliré la promesa de bendición que hice al pueblo de Israel y a la tribu de Judá.

»”En aquellos días, y en aquel tiempo, haré que brote de David un renuevo justo, y él practicará la justicia y el derecho en el país.

En aquellos días Judá estará a salvo, y Jerusalén morará segura.

Y será llamada así:

‘El Señor es nuestra justicia’ ”.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Psalmody - Psalm 25:1–10

To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13, adapted

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may the Lord so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

¿Cómo podemos agradecer bastante a nuestro Dios por ustedes y por toda la alegría que nos han proporcionado delante de él? Día y noche le suplicamos que nos permita verlos de nuevo para suplir lo que le falta a su fe.

Que el Dios y Padre nuestro, y nuestro Señor Jesús, nos preparen el camino para ir a verlos. Que el Señor los haga crecer para que se amen más y más unos a otros, y a todos, tal como nosotros los amamos a ustedes. Que los fortalezca interiormente para que, cuando nuestro Señor Jesús venga con todos sus santos, la santidad de ustedes sea intachable delante de nuestro Dios y Padre.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

+ Gospel Acclamation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257, Stanza 1

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

+ Gospel Reading - Luke 21:25–36, adapted

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Humanity coming

»Habrará señales en el sol, la luna y las estrellas. En la tierra, las naciones estarán angustiadas y perplejas por el bramido y la agitación del mar. Se desmayarán de terror los hombres, temerosos por lo que va a sucederle al mundo, porque los cuerpos celestes serán sacudidos. Entonces verán al Hijo del hombre venir en una nube con

in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Humanity."

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

poder y gran gloria. Cuando comiencen a suceder estas cosas, cobren ánimo y levanten la cabeza, porque se acerca su redención».

Jesús también les propuso esta comparación:

—Fíjense en la higuera y en los demás árboles. Cuando brotan las hojas, ustedes pueden ver por sí mismos y saber que el verano está cerca. Igualmente, cuando vean que suceden estas cosas, sepan que el reino de Dios está cerca.

»Les aseguro que no pasará esta generación hasta que todas estas cosas sucedan. El cielo y la tierra pasarán, pero mis palabras jamás pasarán.

»Tengan cuidado, no sea que se les endurezca el corazón por el vicio, la embriaguez y las preocupaciones de esta vida. De otra manera, aquel día caerá de improviso sobre ustedes, pues vendrá como una trampa sobre todos los habitantes de la tierra. Estén siempre vigilantes, y oren para que puedan escapar de todo lo que está por suceder, y presentarse delante del Hijo del hombre».

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

Sermon - Pastor Jen Nagel

+ Hymn of the Day

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

+ 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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Offerings can be sent electronically or by mail. Find more information on the last page of the bulletin.

An offering plate is available in the front as you approach the communion table.

+ Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way
before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our
peace. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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

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

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.

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. There are two options for communing today: Some may choose to come forward to a station on either side, pick up the elements and hear the promises of grace. Others may choose to kneel or stand around the communion rail, keeping distance, picking up the elements and hearing the promises. A blessing is always an option. Simply indicate this to the server and they will offer a blessing.

Music During Communion Each Winter As the Year Grows Older ELW 252

+ 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. Most High God,
you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
Amen.

sending

Announcements

+ Closing Hymn People, Look East ELW 248, Stanzas 1, 2, 4

+ Blessing

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

+ Dismissal

God in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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