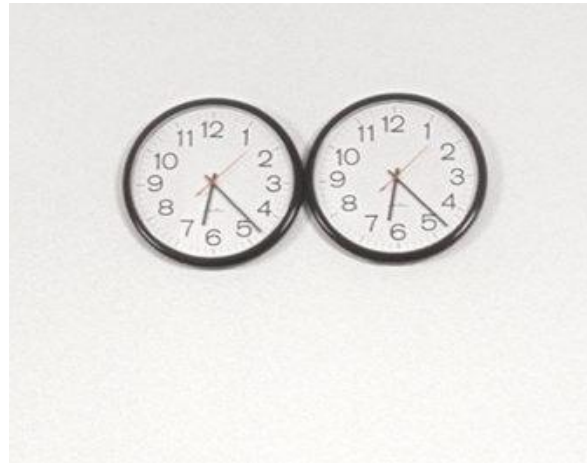


Eleventh Sunday after
Pentecost
August 4, 2024
10:00 AM



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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 Susan Debner (presiding minister); Marty Lewis-Hunstiger (assisting minister); Micki Kruse (musician); John Lauber, Jason Lukis, Shelly Parry, Gretchen Peik (communion servers); Diane Greve (lector); Matthew Fry, Seth Strudthoff (worship tech facilitators); Kenneth Sarkela (greeter); Alex Carlson, Kelleen Brooks, Randall Brooks, John Pignatello (ushers); Malena Carlson, Lydia Rapacz (acolytes); Serafina Scheel (altar guild); John Beane (communion clean-up); Julia Reimann (healing prayer); Jayne Lindesmith (land acknowledgment)

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

Call to Worship

God is good.

All the time!

All the time.

God is good!

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 acknowledgement, 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

Beloveds in Christ,

Through the waters of baptism, we are brought into the family of God. The body of Christ is rich in Divine creativity, a community of people of many genders, races, body types, abilities and hungers; each a glimpse of God from a different angle.

God claims us with delight.

We claim one another as companions.

In baptism, we promise to love and support each other, working together to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in all its forms – within us and around us.

We need each other.

Today, we remember that the love we encounter through these waters cannot be undermined by bigotry or hate, by exclusion or injustice.

We are children of the Holy One, Siblings in the life of God.

No one and nothing has the power to turn us away from our Creator.
We cannot be kicked out, or accepted only in part.

The full embrace of God always extends to us.

And so today, we remember that through the baptism into a new life in Christ, we are set free to love wildly and live authentically. We rejoice in the Good News and the grace that sets the captives free.

Amen.

+ **Processional Hymn**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW 656

+ **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. Covenanting God, **knit us together with your promising Word. Build up healthy community among us, through us and around us. We pray in your strong name, Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Reading - Genesis 15:5-6, 9-10, 17-18

[The LORD] brought Abraham outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then [The LORD] said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And Abraham believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. God said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, lay- ing each half over against the other; When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these

Luego lo llevó afuera y le dijo:—Mira hacia el cielo y cuenta las estrellas, a ver si puedes. ¡Así de numerosa será tu descendencia! Abram creyó al SEÑOR y el SEÑOR se lo reconoció como justicia. El SEÑOR respondió:—Tráeme una ternera, una cabra y un carnero, todos ellos de tres años, y también una tórtola y un pichón de paloma. Abram llevó todos estos animales, los partió por la mitad y puso una mitad frente a la otra, pero no partió las aves. Cuando el sol se puso y cayó la noche, aparecieron un horno humeante y una antorcha encendida, los cuales pasaban entre los animales descuartizados. En aquel día el SEÑOR hizo un pacto con Abram. Le dijo:—A tus

pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

descendientes daré esta tierra, desde el río de Egipto hasta el gran río, el Éufrates.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.
Demos gracias a Dios.

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW 172

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

+ Gospel Reading - John 6:24-27

The gospel according to John the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.

En cuanto la multitud se dio cuenta de que ni Jesús ni sus discípulos estaban allí, subieron a las barcas y se fueron a Capernaúm a buscar a Jesús. Cuando lo encontraron al otro lado del lago, le preguntaron:—Rabí, ¿cuándo llegaste acá? Jesús respondió con firmeza:—Les aseguro que ustedes me buscan no porque han visto señales, sino porque comieron pan hasta llenarse. Trabajen, pero no por la comida que es perecedera, sino por la que permanece para vida eterna.

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

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

Sermon - Pastor Susan Debner

+ **Hymn of the Day** God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

ELW 771

+ **Prayers of the People**

Following each petition:

Merciful God, **receive our prayers.**

+ **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

+**Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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:

1*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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+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. If you'd prefer, coming forward to the front for 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

One Bread, One Body
Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 496
ELW 491

+Table Blessing

May this meal nourish us and refresh us, may it strengthen us and renew us, may it unite us and keep us in God's gracious love, now and forever. **Amen.**

+Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of love, **we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this meal. Send us from here to reveal your love in the world. Inspire in us the resolve and the courage, the compassion and the passion, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements and Blessing of Amnicon Campers

+Sending Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

+Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

+Dismissal

God is good.
All the time!
All the time.
God is good!

¡Vaya en Paz!
Eres el cuerpo de Cristo.
Gracias a Dios!

Postlude

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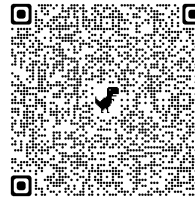
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