

Easter Day
April 20, 2025
10:30 AM



Risen Christ, Anonymous Artist, 20th c. Uganda

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.

Preludes I Know That My Redeemer Lives! Arr. Zach Unke (2022)
The Trumpet Shall Sound G.F. Handel, arr. Robert Ewing

Welcome

+ Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

¡Aleluya! ¡Christo ha resucitado!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Cristo ha en verdad resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for forgiveness that wraps our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation; our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation.

Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions. Give us grace to drink so that our whole lives are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched thanks to the risen Jesus, the Son of God.

Amen.

Adapted from Meta Herrick Carlson

+ **Processional Hymn** Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW 365

+ Greeting

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.

+ Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Tomb-bursting God, you do the most marvelous things!

Our names on your tongue set weeping to dancing.

Your love disarms death, hearts, and empire, alike. And the gates of presumption, which limit the forms life and bodies should take, are blown off their hinges today.

Attune all our senses and instill expectation.

Your presence will leave us still slack-jawed! And startled, as Mary, in great stunned relief, we shout “Praise!” at your vibrant emerging.

Amen.

Prayer written by Rev. Rebecca Gamble as part of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis, MN) expansive prayer project. Used by permission.

WORD

Children’s Message

Second Reading - Acts 10:34-41

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who is God-fearing and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. “You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Pedro tomó la palabra, y dijo: —Ahora comprendo que en realidad para Dios no hay favoritismos, sino que en toda nación él ve con agrado a los que le temen y actúan con justicia. Dios envió su mensaje al pueblo de Israel, anunciando las buenas nuevas de la paz por medio de Jesucristo, que es el Señor de todos. Ustedes conocen este mensaje que se difundió por toda Judea, comenzando desde Galilea, después del bautismo que predicó Juan. Me refiero a Jesús de Nazaret: cómo lo ungió Dios con el Espíritu Santo y con poder, y cómo anduvo haciendo el bien y sanando a todos los que estaban oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios estaba con él. Nosotros somos testigos de todo lo que hizo en la tierra de los judíos y en Jerusalén. Lo mataron, colgándolo de un madero, pero Dios lo resucitó al tercer día y dispuso que se apareciera, no a todo el pueblo, sino a nosotros, testigos previamente escogidos por Dios, que comimos y bebimos con él después de su resurrección.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14, 17, 21-24

Refrain Music: Bradley Ellingboe

The psalm is read by the lector, and the community is invited to sing on the refrains.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.**R**

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation.

R

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

R**R**

Den gracias al Señor, porque él es bueno;

su gran amor perdura para siempre.

Que proclame el pueblo de Israel:

«Su gran amor perdura para siempre»

El Señor es mi fuerza y mi canto;

¡él es mi salvación!

No he de morir; he de vivir

para proclamar las maravillas del Señor.

¡Te daré gracias porque me respondiste,

porque eres mi salvación!

R

La piedra que desecharon los constructores

ha llegado a ser la piedra angular.

Esto ha sido obra del Señor,

y nos deja maravillados.

Este es el día en que el Señor actuó;

regocijémonos y alegrémonos en él.

R**+ Gospel Procession** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! (*Vs. 1*) ELW 369**+ Gospel Reading - John 20:1-18**

The resurrection gospel according to John 20:1-18, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came,

El primer día de la semana, muy de mañana, cuando todavía estaba oscuro, María Magdalena fue al sepulcro y vio que habían removido la piedra que cubría la entrada. Así que fue corriendo a ver a Simón Pedro y al otro discípulo, a quien Jesús amaba, y les dijo:—¡Se han llevado del sepulcro al Señor y no sabemos dónde lo han puesto! Entonces Pedro y el otro discípulo se dirigieron al sepulcro. Ambos fueron corriendo, pero como el otro discípulo corría más rápido que Pedro, llegó primero al sepulcro. Inclínándose, se asomó y vio allí las vendas, pero no entró. Tras él llegó Simón Pedro y entró en el sepulcro.

following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Vio allí las vendas y el sudario que había cubierto la cabeza de Jesús, aunque el sudario no estaba con las vendas, sino enrollado en un lugar aparte. En ese momento entró también el otro discípulo, el que había llegado primero al sepulcro; y vio y creyó. Hasta entonces no habían entendido la Escritura que dice que Jesús tenía que resucitar. Los discípulos regresaron a su casa, pero María se quedó afuera llorando junto al sepulcro. Mientras lloraba, se inclinó para mirar dentro del sepulcro y vio a dos ángeles vestidos de blanco, sentados donde había estado el cuerpo de Jesús, uno a la cabecera y otro a los pies. —¿Por qué lloras, mujer? —le preguntaron los ángeles.—Es que se han llevado a mi Señor y no sé dónde lo han puesto —les respondió. Apenas dijo esto, volvió la mirada y allí vio a Jesús de pie, aunque no sabía que era él. Jesús dijo:—¿Por qué lloras, mujer? ¿A quién buscas? Ella, pensando que se trataba del que cuidaba el huerto, le dijo:—Señor, si usted se lo ha llevado, dígame dónde lo ha puesto y yo iré por él.—María —dijo Jesús. Ella se volvió y exclamó:—¡Raboni! (que en hebreo significa "Maestro"). Jesús le dijo:—No me detengas, porque todavía no he vuelto al Padre. Ve más bien a mis hermanos y diles: "Vuelvo a mi Padre, que es Padre de ustedes; a mi Dios, que es Dios de ustedes". María Magdalena fue a dar la noticia a los discípulos. «¡He visto al Señor!», exclamaba, y les contaba lo que él le había dicho.

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

Gospel Recession

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! (*Vs. 4*)

ELW 369

Sermon - Pastor Susan Debner

+ Hymn of the Day

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition:

Risen One, 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."

MEAL

Offertory

Jubilate Deo (Rejoice in God)

Natalie Sleeth (1972)

O sing to the Lord a joyful song and praise God's name alway, O sing to the Lord a joyful song, for Christ is risen today. They crucified him on a tree, He humbly bowed his head. He suffered there for you and me, All people thought him dead. This God-child of the virgin's womb henceforth triumphantly, Arose from out his earthly tomb to bring us victory!

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. Generous God, **in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

+ Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 4

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. 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 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 to a communion station: pick up a cup, 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 a blessing, simply indicate this to the server and they will offer a blessing. 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 forward to the station. 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, or light prayer candles.

Music During Communion	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	ELW 631
	Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (Vss. 1 & 3-5)	ELW 373
	We Know That Christ Is Raised	ELW 449
	Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia	ELW 364

+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: Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing of Easter Flowers

Thanks to many who have given flowers today in honor or memory of loved ones. The listing of these dedications can be found on the colored insert in your bulletin. This project supports the Friendly Visitor ministry. These flowers and cards will be hand delivered to our homebound members and many from our community who have been in the prayers over the last year. For those who will be delivering flowers, you can pick up the flowers (and an accompanying card) immediately after worship.

+Sending Hymn	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (Vss. 1, 2, & 4)	ELW 385
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+Blessing

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

¡Aleluya! ¡Christo ha resucitado!

Cristo ha en verdad resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

Vayan en paz. A decir lo que Dios ha hecho.

Gracias a Dios.

Postlude

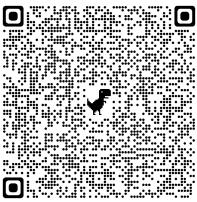

Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah

George Frideric Handel

(1685-1759)

All are welcome to join the choir in singing! Come forward after the service and find music near the choir!

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
King of kings, and Lord of lords.*

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Today’s Worship Leaders

Pastor Susan Debner, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Stewart Herman (assisting minister); The Hope Choir, Alex Browne and Nova Summer - Trumpets, Pete Dysart and Jeff Prauer - Trombones, Paul Stever - Organ and Conductor (musicians); Evan Peterson (lector); Paul Demeules, Shelly Parry, Bill Sanden, Jan Sanden (communion servers); Diane Greve, Jason Lukis (healing ministry); Juna Evans, Liv Evans (acolytes); Ann Beane, Seth Struthoff (tech facilitators); Dan Bielenberg (Zoom facilitator); Carol Flaten (altar guild); Sharlene Hensrud (greeter); Tim Abrahamson, Sampson Evans, Uli Koester, Elaine Reed (ushers); Paul Demeules, Shelly Parry (communion cleanup)

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 Sheidt'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.)

Wild Church Gathering - May 10, 2-3pm, Nicollet Island Park

Join with your human and creation community to remember our sacred relationship with one another. We partner with First Congregational and University Baptist for a time of listening and connection. See the website for more details: www.wildchurchtc.org or contact Pastor Maria for more information mariaa@ulch.org.

Pizza Bake - May 18th, 11:45am

You're invited to our first pizza bake of the season: Sunday, May 18th! The Baking Hope Team will fire up the woodfired oven to create delicious pizzas with a variety of toppings. All are welcome!