

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 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

Piano Concerto in C: Allegro

F.J. Haydn

Paul and Becky Stever, Baldwin and Steinway grand pianos

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

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power (vss. 1-4)

ELW 651

+ 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

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading - Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Los apóstoles y los hermanos de toda Judea se enteraron de que también los no judíos habían recibido la palabra de Dios. Así que cuando Pedro subió a Jerusalén, los creyentes judíos lo criticaron diciendo:—Entraste en casa de hombres incircuncisos y comiste con ellos. Entonces Pedro comenzó a explicarles paso a paso lo que había sucedido: —Yo estaba orando en la ciudad de Jope y tuve en trance una visión. Vi que del cielo descendía algo parecido a una gran sábana que, suspendida por las cuatro puntas, bajaba hasta donde yo estaba. Me fijé en lo que había en ella y vi cuadrúpedos, fieras, reptiles y aves. Luego oí una voz que me decía: "Levántate, Pedro, mata y come". Repliqué: "¡De ninguna manera, Señor! Jamás ha entrado en mi boca nada impuro o inmundo". Por segunda vez insistió la voz del cielo: "Lo que Dios ha purificado, tú no lo lloames impuro". Esto sucedió tres veces y luego todo volvió a ser llevado al cielo. »En aquel momento se presentaron en la casa donde yo estaba tres hombres que desde Cesarea habían sido enviados a verme. El Espíritu me dijo que fuera con ellos sin dudar. También fueron conmigo estos seis hermanos y entramos en la casa de aquel hombre. Él nos contó cómo en su casa había aparecido un ángel que le dijo: "Manda a alguien a Jope para hacer venir a Simón, también llamado Pedro. Él te traerá un mensaje mediante el cual serán salvos tú y toda tu familia". »Cuando comencé a hablarles, el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre ellos tal como al principio descendió sobre nosotros. Entonces recordé lo que había dicho el Señor: "Juan bautizó con agua, pero ustedes serán bautizados con el Espíritu Santo". Por tanto, si Dios les ha dado a ellos el mismo don que a nosotros al creer en el Señor Jesucristo, ¿quién soy yo para pensar que puedo estorbar a Dios? Al oír esto, se apaciguaron y alabaron a Dios diciendo:—¡Así que también a los no judíos ha

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

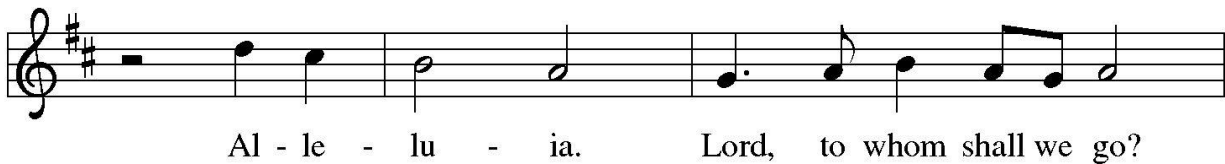
concedido Dios el arrepentimiento para vida!

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 4



+ Gospel Reading - John 13:31-35

The gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Cuando Judas hubo salido, Jesús dijo:—Ahora es glorificado el Hijo del hombre y Dios es glorificado en él. Si Dios es glorificado en él, Dios glorificará al Hijo en sí mismo y lo hará muy pronto. »Mis queridos hijos, poco tiempo me queda para estar con ustedes. Me buscarán y lo que antes dije a los judíos, ahora se lo digo a ustedes: Adonde yo voy, ustedes no pueden ir. »Este mandamiento nuevo les doy: que se amen los unos a los otros. Así como yo los he amado, también ustedes deben amarse los unos a los otros. De este modo todos sabrán que son mis discípulos, si se aman los unos a los otros.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Sermon - Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

+ Hymn of the Day

Where Charity & Love Prevail

ELW 359

+ 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

God's Son Has Made Me Free

E. Grieg, arr. O Overby (1945)

God's Son has made me free from Satan's tyranny; From fear of death, and bonds of sin; From all that plagues my soul within. The holy One divine, became a friend of mine. From heaven high, from starry sky, He came to live, to die. O boundless love, He came, He died, He rose forever glorified! He came to give, to die, that I might live. From heaven high, from starry sky, He came to die, that I might live, might live with Him eternally, God's Son has made me free.

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.

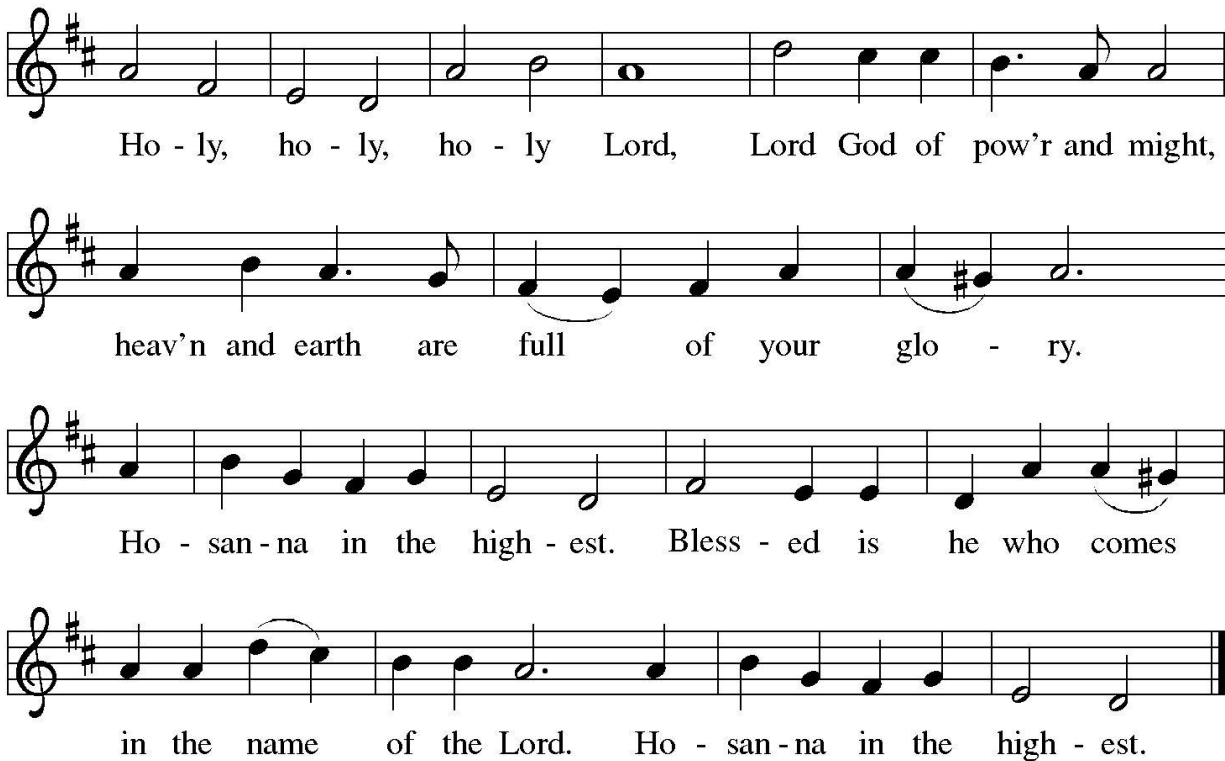
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

I Come with Joy
God, We Gather as Your People
(see next page)

ELW 482

ACS 1038

Music and Text: David Lohman



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

+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

Sunday School Teacher Thank-Yous

+Sending Hymn

Spirit, Open My Heart
(see next page)

ACS 1043

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

+Blessing

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

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

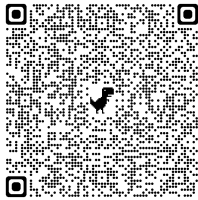

Vayan en paz. A decir lo que Dios ha hecho.
Gracias a Dios.

Postlude

Waltz for Two Pianos (1986) Eugénie R. Rocherolle (1936-2025)
Paul and Becky Stever, Baldwin and Steinway grand pianos

Pizza Bake - TODAY May 18th, 11:45am

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

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Susan Debner, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Jan Sanden (assisting minister); The Hope Choir, Paul Stever (musicians); Jo Schroeder (lector); Karilyn Alexander, Michael Kneer, John Lauber (communion servers); Seth Strudthoff (tech facilitator); Ann Agrimson (Zoom facilitator); Julaine Kobiske (altar guild); Kelleen Brooks (greeter); Randall Brooks, Karen Jorstad, Elaine Reed, Ron Sorensen (ushers); Jacob Lanathier, Magda VanHeuvelen (acolytes); Julie Paschke, Robert Paschke (communion cleanup); Julia Reimann-Perez (healing ministry)

Summer Worship at 10:00am begins next week
Sunday, May 25 (Memorial Day Weekend) continuing up through
Sunday, Aug 31 (Labor day weekend); 10:30am worship resumes
Sunday, September 7