Second Sunday after Pentecost Safety Sunday June 22, 2025 10:00 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 worshiping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

For those worshiping 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.

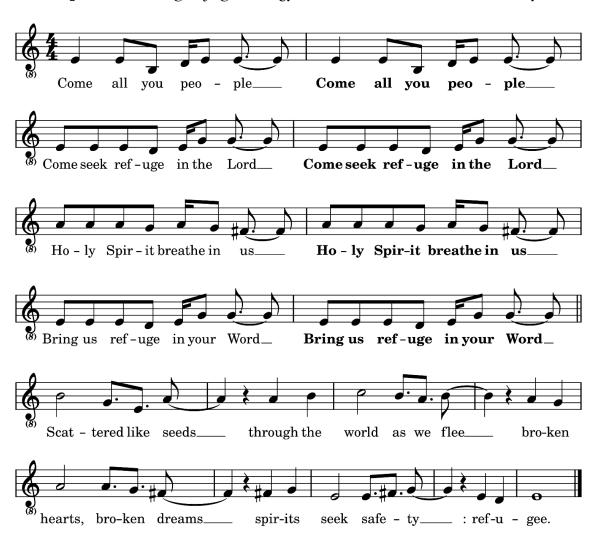
ACS refers to All Creation Sings, an ELW supplement.

Prelude Day by Day arr. J. Bert Carlson

Welcome

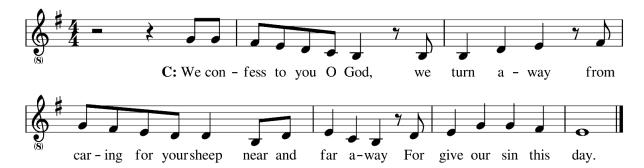
Call to Worship from "Seeking Refuge" liturgy

by Jason Lukis



Opening Dialogue

God is our light and our salvation, From the rising of the sun to its setting For with you is the fountain of life, our refuge and our stronghold. we praise your name, O God. a fountain for the thirsty in every land.



+ 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. Loving Creator and ever-living God: we are in awe of your mysteries and your gracious relationship. Keep us steadfast in this faith, accompany us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

Children's Message

Psalm 22:19-28 - Read Responsively

- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!
- Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!
- ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
- ²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- ¹⁹ Pero tú, Señor, no te alejes; fuerza mía, ven pronto en mi auxilio.
- Libra mi vida de la espada, mi preciosa vida del poder de esos perros.
- ²¹ Rescátame de la boca de los leones; sálvame de los cuernos de los toros salvajes.
- ²² Proclamaré tu nombre a mis hermanos; en medio de la congregación te alabaré.

- ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

- ²³¡Alaben al Señor los que le temen! ¡Hónrenlo, descendientes de Jacob! ¡Venérenlo, descendientes de Israel!
- ²⁴ Porque él no desprecia ni tiene en poco el sufrimiento del pobre;

no esconde de él su rostro,

sino que lo escucha cuando a él clama.

- ²⁵ Tú inspiras mi alabanza en la gran asamblea; ante los que te temen cumpliré mis promesas.
- ²⁶ Comerán los pobres y se saciarán; alabarán al Señor quienes lo buscan; ¡que su corazón viva para siempre!
- ²⁷ Se acordarán del Señor y se volverán a él todos los confines de la tierra; ante él se postrarán todas las familias de las naciones,
- ²⁸ porque del Señor es el reino; él gobierna sobre las naciones.

Reading - Galatians 3:27-29

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

You have the words of e-ter - nal

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

porque todos los que han sido bautizados en Cristo se han revestido de Cristo. Ya no hay judío ni no judío, esclavo ni libre, hombre ni mujer, sino que todos ustedes son uno solo en Cristo Jesús. Y si ustedes pertenecen a Cristo, son la descendencia de Abraham y herederos según la promesa.

Al-le-lu

ia.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

+ Gospel Acclamation ELW Setting 6 Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

life.

+ Gospel Reading - Luke 8:26-35

The gospel according to Luke the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened.

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

Navegaron hasta la región de los gerasenos, que está al otro lado del lago, frente a Galilea. Al desembarcar Jesús, un endemoniado que venía del pueblo salió a su encuentro. Hacía mucho tiempo que este hombre no se vestía; tampoco vivía en una casa, sino en los sepulcros. Cuando vio a Jesús, dio un grito y se arrojó a sus pies. Entonces exclamó con fuerza:—¿Por qué te entrometes, Jesús, Hijo del Dios Altísimo? ¡Te ruego que no me atormentes! Es que Jesús había ordenado al espíritu maligno que saliera del hombre. Se había apoderado de él muchas veces y, aunque le sujetaban los pies y las manos con cadenas y lo mantenían bajo custodia, rompía las cadenas y el demonio lo arrastraba a lugares solitarios. -¿Cómo te llamas? —le preguntó Jesús.—Legión -respondió, ya que habían entrado en él muchos demonios. Y estos suplicaban a Jesús que no los mandara al abismo. En una colina estaba alimentándose una manada de muchos cerdos. Entonces los demonios rogaron a Jesús que los dejara entrar en ellos. Así que él les dio permiso. Cuando los demonios salieron del hombre, entraron en los cerdos; entonces la manada se precipitó al lago por el despeñadero y se ahogó. Al ver lo sucedido, los que cuidaban los cerdos huyeron y avisaron en el pueblo y por los campos, por lo que la gente salió a ver lo que había pasado. Llegaron adonde estaba Jesús y encontraron, sentado a sus pies, al hombre de quien habían salido los demonios. Cuando lo vieron vestido y en su sano juicio, tuvieron miedo.

El Evangelio del Señor.

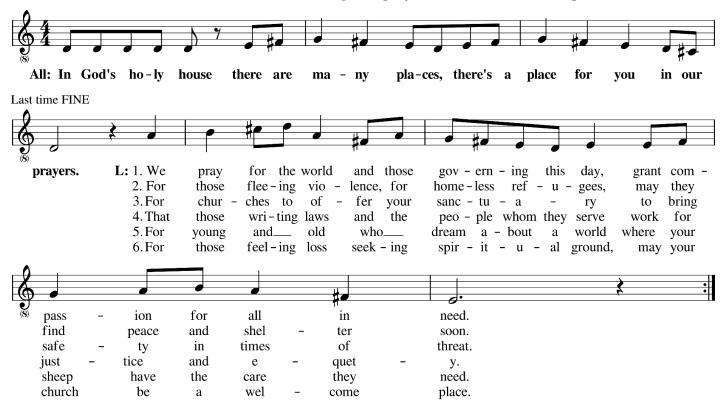
Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Sermon - Pastor Susan Debner

+ **Hymn of the Day** Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

+ **Prayers of the People/Intercessory Prayer** from "Seeking Refuge" liturgy Jason Lukis First time: Cantor demonstrates the opening refrain and **then All sing**



We commend to you, O God of the journey, all for whom we pray, trusting in the abounding mercy and steadfast love of your son Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

+ 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."

Remembering Pastor Craig Shirley

MEAL

Offertory Here I Am, Lord

arr. Janet Linker

Alden Tetlie, violin; Becky Stever, piano; Paul Stever, organ

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. Holy God,

May our conversations with people of every language and culture around us witness to your grace and mercy. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to your good purposes in the world through our church's mission by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Discipleship Ministiries (United Methodist Church)

+The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

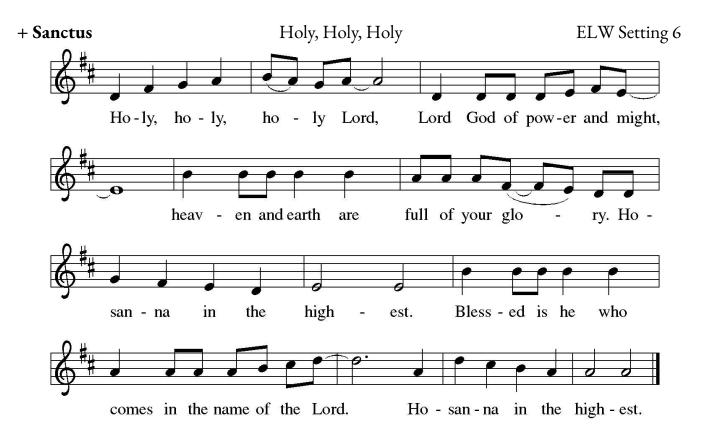
Lift up your hearts.

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...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 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...

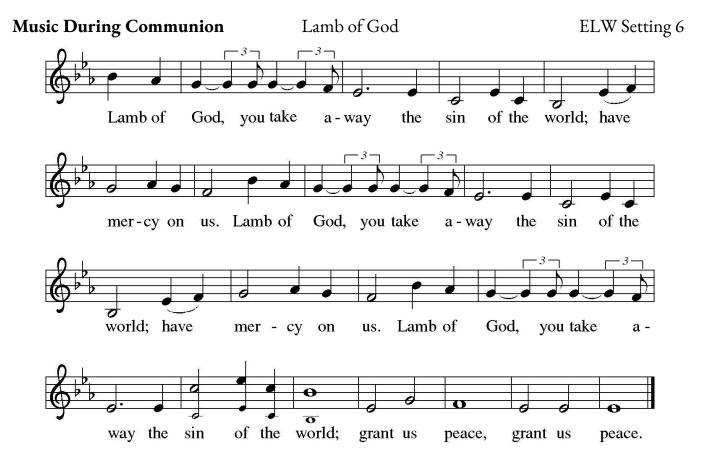
Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."

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: 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.



One Bread, One Body Goodness Is Stronger than Evil ELW 496 ELW 721

+Table Blessing

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

+Prayer after Communion

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

+Sending Hymn

God Welcomes All

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+Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

+ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

+Dismissal

Go in peace.
Live by the Spirit
Thanks be to God!

¡Vaya en Paz! Vivir por el Espíritu. **Gracias a Dios!**

Postlude

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Susan Debner, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Stewart Herman (assisting minister); Alden Tetlie, violin; Becky Stever, piano; Paul Stever (musicians); Randall Brooks, Jack Dant, John Lauber, Lisa Morse (communion servers); Kelleen Brooks (lector); Seth Strudthoff (worship tech facilitator); Dan Bielenberg (Zoom facilitator); Randall Brooks (greeter); John Pignatello, Bimose Rowan, Jim Rowan, Karen Westwood (ushers); Julaine Kobiske (altar guild); Gretchen Peik, K. Phoebe Worthington (communion clean-up); Donna Neste, Ann Rolle (healing prayer)

Upcoming Worship at 10am

June 29 Mary Reimann-Perez, preaching; Becky Halvorson, flute
July 6 Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, preaching; Jackie Rolfs, soprano
July 13 Pastor Susan Debner, preaching; Maureen Armstrong, keyboard with Dick Peik, clarinet
July 20 Outdoor Worship followed by a Pizza Bake!

Music in the courtyard will resume in August, all at 7pm!

Wed, Aug 13, 7pm: "Courtyard Contemplation" Evening worship, including favorite and evening hymns

Fri, Aug 22, 7pm: "Courtyard Concert" with 10th Wave

Formed in December 2017, 10th Wave is a collective instrumental music ensemble of conservatory-trained professional musicians including but not limited to: flute, clarinet, violin, viola, cello, piano, percussion, and voice. Pieces performed by 10th Wave are all composed within the last century in the classical music genre and can be categorized as modern, postmodern, electronic, indie-classical, and contemporary. 10th Wave also performs commissions and pieces written by living & local composers in Minnesota. https://www.10thwave.org/about

Wed, Aug 27, 7pm: "Courtyard Concert" with Tim Gustafson, Bret Hesla, and friends

Singer-songwriters Tim Gustafson and Bret Hesla will team up and trade songs from their decades of song-craft. Come for an evening of melody, harmony, sing-alongs, and special musical guests. https://timgustafson.bandcamp.com/ and https://brethesla.com/

Fri, Oct 10, 7pm: "Courtyard Concert" with local fiddle and guitar duo, "Sister Esmerlinda"

Sister Esmerlinda is the dynamic duo of Zack Kline (violin) and Dean Magraw (guitar) whose eclectic musical interplay is rooted in traditions while keeping an ear toward the future. Regardless of the actual style— which may range from old fiddle tunes, original compositions and even a popular music melody once in awhile— the music is always a lyrical vehicle for exploration, contemplation and (with a little luck) for losing oneself in the mystery of the moment as it unfolds.