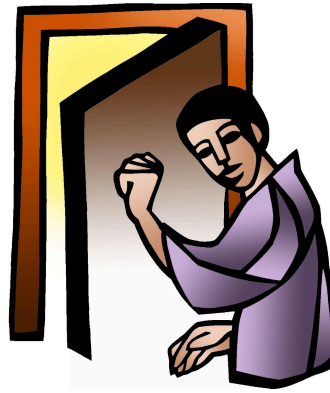


Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 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 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

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Venita MacGorman

Hope Handbells

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

ELW pages 94-96

+ Gathering Hymn

Ask the Complicated Questions

ACS 1005



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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+ 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

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Psalm 138 - Read Responsively (*Leader reads the odd verses, **All read the bold***)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and
praise your name, because of your steadfast love and
faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and
your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do
not abandon the works of your hands.**

¹ SEÑOR, quiero alabarte de todo corazón
y cantarte salmos delante de los dioses.

² **Quiero postrarme hacia tu santo Templo
y alabar tu nombre por tu gran amor y fidelidad.
Porque has exaltado tu nombre
y tu palabra sobre todas las cosas.**

³ Cuando te llamé, me respondiste;
me infundiste ánimo y renovaste mis fuerzas.

⁴ **Oh SEÑOR, todos los reyes de la tierra
te alabarán al escuchar tus palabras.**

⁵ Celebrarán con cánticos tus caminos,
porque tu gloria, SEÑOR, es grande.

⁶ **El SEÑOR es excelso, pero toma en cuenta al humilde
y reconoce de lejos al orgulloso.**

⁷ Aunque pase por grandes angustias,
tú me darás vida; contra el furor de mis enemigos
extenderás la mano: ¡tu mano derecha me pondrá a salvo!

⁸ **El SEÑOR cumplirá en mí su propósito.
Tu gran amor, SEÑOR, perdura para siempre;
¡no abandones la obra de tus manos!**

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 6



+ Gospel Reading - Luke 11:1-4

The gospel according to Luke the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

Un día estaba Jesús orando en cierto lugar. Cuando terminó, dijo uno de sus discípulos:—Señor, enséñanos a orar, así como Juan enseñó a sus discípulos. Él les dijo:—Cuando oren, digan:»

“Padre, santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Danos cada día nuestro pan cotidiano.
Perdónanos nuestros pecados, porque también
nosotros perdonamos a todos los que nos ofenden.
Y no nos dejes caer en tentación”.

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

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition:

Spirit of God, **hear our prayer.**

+ 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

Going Home from “New World Symphony” by Antonin Dvořák
Hope Handbells arr. Kirsten and Erin MacGorman

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. Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all. 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...join their unending hymn:

+ Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 6

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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: 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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

Open My Heart

ACS 1079

Part I

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Part II

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Part III

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Part I

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Part II

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Part III

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

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Music: OPEN MY HEART, Ana Hernández

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+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 Go, My Children, with My Blessing ELW 543

+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!
Vive por el Espíritu.
Gracias a Dios!

Postlude

Sortie in F minor, op. 30 Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897, France)

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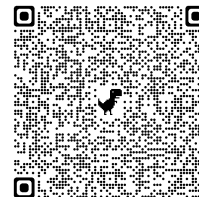
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Today’s Worship Leaders

Pastor Susan Debner (presiding minister); Stewart Herman (assisting minister); Hope Handbells, Paul Stever (musicians); Michael Kneer, Lisa Morse, Ann Agrimson (communion servers); Sharlene Hensrud (lector); Alex Carlson, (worship tech facilitator); Kirsten Mebust (Zoom facilitator); Sara Tufvesson Doure (greeter); Ron Sorensen, Karen Westwood, Williams Santana (ushers); Carol Flaten (altar guild); Julie Paschke, Robert Paschke (communion clean-up); Diane Greve, Ann Rolle (healing prayer)

Calling a Lead Pastor

On Tuesday, July 15, the Call Committee reported to the Vision and Governance Board, recommending a candidate to call as Hope's next lead pastor. The Call Committee warmly invites you to meet the pastoral candidate* and to vote during the congregation meeting.

Saturday, August 2, 1:00-3:00: In-person, meet the pastor in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 2, 3:15: Meet the pastor on Zoom. See recent Thursday Epistles for the link.

Sunday, August 3, Congregation meeting, following worship, in person, in Fellowship Hall: Vote to call the candidate to serve as Hope's Lead Pastor.

To vote on Zoom, see recent Thursday Epistles for the link. Please pray for Hope during these last discernment steps, for the pastor, and their family.

* The pastor will be named on August 2. Until that time we respectfully withhold their name to enable them to considerately take their leave from their present pastoral call.

Linda Herman, Call Committee Chairperson

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.

Urgent! Food Shelves need our help!

Have you noticed the shopping cart at ULCH? It sits in the hallway near the entrance of our chapel. Items that are well-suited for our Little Free Pantry can be put there, as well as other items more suited for a food shelf. Those donations are now going to Calvary Food Shelf, at 3900 Chicago Ave. This small but mighty food shelf has been in operation for over 40 years. Since the pandemic and uprising in Minneapolis, the need has grown and it has become a vital part of that neighborhood, serving 170+ families per week. CFS is also unique in that they offer delivery service to those who are homebound. Their mission statement is simple but powerful: To provide healthy, fresh, culturally relevant food with dignity and compassion to those facing food insecurity.

Unfortunately, times are hard. Recently Calvary has only been able to access 25% of their usual allotment of meat and dairy items through USDA. The variety and quantity of food available for families has dropped greatly. Please consider a \$ donation to your favorite food shelf or bring non-perishables to our shopping cart. Monetary donations to Calvary Food Shelf and info about volunteering opportunities can be found at calvaryfoodshelf.org

Questions? Contact Karen Jorstad or Bob Peterson. Thank you! Our thanks to Dean Bronson for the many years faithfully delivering ULCH's food donations to the food shelf! *Karen Jorstad*