

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 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

Steal Away Spiritual, arr. Erin MacGorman (2007)
Hope Handbells

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God the creator, God with us, God the spirit who moves beyond us.

Amen.

God created this sacred land and called it good.

Before this sanctuary was a sacred place to our community

It was a sacred place to the Dakota people and other indigenous communities who lived here.

We confess how easy it is to forget.

We are allured by ease and comfort,

We are distracted by consumption.

**We struggle to see how our story
connects to other stories throughout time
and in this moment, now.**

**We forget the power of your Love,
and it hinders our ability to share it with all our kin.**

God calls all that God created good. Even you. Even Us.

Through Christ's love, know you are forgiven. You are loved. You are whole.

Amen.

+ **Processional Hymn** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (*Vss. 1-2 & 4*)

ELW 693

+ **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

Dear God, **Fill our hearts with hope and gratitude. Help us to embrace the challenges and opportunities that come our way. Guide our thoughts, words, and actions, so that we may spread your love in the world. Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Reading - We Thank Thee by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
For tender grass so fresh and sweet,
For the song of bird and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
For pleasant shade of branches high,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

+ Sung Acclamation

Thank You, God

Traditional

Follow the lead of the cantor

+ Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one

Por lo tanto, como pueblo escogido de Dios, santo y amado, revístanse de afecto entrañable y de bondad, humildad, amabilidad y paciencia, de modo que se toleren unos a otros y se perdonen si alguno tiene queja contra otro. Así como el Señor los perdonó, perdonen también ustedes. Por encima de todo, vístanse de amor, que es el vínculo perfecto. Que gobierne en sus corazones la paz de Cristo, a la cual fueron llamados en un solo cuerpo. Y sean agradecidos. Que habite en ustedes la palabra de Cristo con toda su riqueza: instrúyanse y aconsejense

another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

unos a otros con toda sabiduría; canten salmos, himnos y canciones espirituales a Dios, con gratitud de corazón. Y todo lo que hagan, de palabra o de obra, háganlo en el nombre del Señor Jesús, dando gracias a Dios el Padre por medio de él.

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

Sermon - Ann Wagner

+ **Hymn of the Day** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW 836

Prayers of the People

Following each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ 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."

Gratitude and Generosity Sharing - Dan and Tomi McLellan

MEAL

Offertory

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hope handbells

William Bradbury (1816-1868)

arr. Sandra Eithun (2008)

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 1

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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	Now We Join in Celebration	ELW 462
	I Come with Joy	ELW 482
	I Received the Living God	ELW 477

+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.

Announcements

SENDING

+Sending Hymn	Let All Things Now Living	ELW 881
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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!
Vive por el Espíritu.
Gracias a Dios!

Postlude

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

arr. John Helgen (2025)

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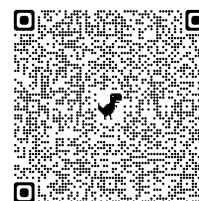
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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Amanda Simons (presiding minister); Eric Ringham (assisting minister); Hope Handbells; Paul Stever (musicians); Bruce Eldevik, Marty Lewis-Hunstiger, Shelly Parry, Julia Reimann-Perez (communion servers); Rick Chapman (lector); James Flaten (worship tech facilitator); Elaine Sarkela (greeter); Uli Koester, Leena Rapacz, Williams Santana (ushers); Lydia Rapacz, Magda VanHeuvelen (acolytes); Julaine Kobiske (worship prep); Bruce Eldevik, Rosalie Eldevik (communion clean-up); Donna Neste, Ann Rolle (healing prayer)

A special note of thanks to Ann Wagner and Dan & Tomi McLellan for our "Gratitude and Generosity Temple Talk."

The Serviceberry" Study (begins TODAY)

Join members of our congregation us for a three-week journey through Robin Wall Kimmerer's "The Serviceberry," with reflections written by Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy on gratitude, reciprocity, and the gifts of creation. This study blends Indigenous and Christian teachings, exploring what it means to live in right relationship with the land and with one another. It was written with the hopes of strengthening relationships between All Nations Indian Church and their supportive partner congregations. We will **gather after worship on November 9th, 16th and 23rd in the library** with a light lunch provided. All Are Welcome.

THIS Saturday, Nov 15, 4pm Concert: East Meets West

10th Wave is proud to collaborate with local artists Dr. Pooja Gowswami Pavan and Dr. A. Pavan in a concert featuring strings and percussion alongside traditional Hindustani Vocals and tabla. After the program, stick around for a meet & greet with the artists while enjoying light refreshments, and get an up close and personal look at the instruments involved!

November 16 Fellowship Meal

The next Fellowship Meal will be held on Sunday, November 16, after the church service. There will be a main dish provided. We will need salads and desserts brought by YOU! Watch for a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk on Sundays or contact Sheila at shougen03@gmail.com if you can contribute something. Whether you contribute or not you are welcome to join us in the fellowship hall.

Upcoming November Forums (Sundays at 9:30am) are Food for Thought

November 16 - The Gratitude and Generosity committee will light a spark in all of us to consider how we can approach Pledge Sunday in a spirit of joy and thanksgiving.

November 23 - "Local hunger, as seen by our congregation." You will be amazed at the number of people in our congregation that are actively involved in programs to alleviate hunger locally. Join in our discussion with the panel of your fellow congregants as they describe what they are doing within our neighborhood.

November 30 -

Gratitude and Generosity in 2026

"You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love."

Paul Douglas in a daily forecast recently asked the question, "So is it time to dig out the parkas and boots? Test the snowblower? His conclusion was a weather forecaster's definite "not yet-maybe". It may not quite be the time for our Norwegian sweaters, Uggs, and Sorels (we hope), but this is an appropriate season for prayerfully reflecting on how we will live our faith in the coming year.

Commitments don't come easily in the midst of uncertainty (and there is more than plenty of that), but in the spirit of Melanie DeMore's song, sometimes you just gotta put one foot in front of the other [maybe just in timid small steps or maybe in big strides that foster your courage] and lead with love.

To encourage your deliberations, brief gratitude and generosity stories will be shared in our November 9, 16 and 23 worships and will be the focus of the November 16 Adult Forum. We hope that once again you will continue to generously support Hope as part of your faith response, both in your time and in your resources. As in previous years, you will be provided with pledge cards to declare your financial intentions. Your pledges will be blessed in the November 23rd worship and will determine our church's mission and budget in 2026. We thank you for your faithfulness. Know that you are in our prayers as you consider your response to God's goodness.