

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 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 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending arr. Brenda Portman (2024)

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** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending ELW 678

+ 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

Creator God, **you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion to the hurts and needs of others, so that we may lead in love in your name. Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Reading from *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*, Diana Butler Bass (November 2016)

God, there are days we do not feel grateful. When we are anxious or angry. When we are alone. When we do not understand what is happening in the world, or with our neighbors.

We struggle to feel grateful.

But this Thanksgiving, we choose gratitude. We choose to accept life as a gift from you, from the unfolding work of all creation. We choose to be grateful for the earth from which our food comes; for the water that gives life; and for the air we all breathe.

We make the choice to see our ancestors, those who came before us, and their stories, as a continuing gift of wisdom for us today. We choose to see our families and friends with new eyes, appreciating them for who they are, and be thankful for our homes whether humble or grand. We will be grateful for our neighbors, no matter how they voted or how much we feel hurt by them. We choose to see the whole planet as our shared commons, the public stage of the future of humankind and creation.

God, this Thanksgiving, we do not give thanks. We choose it.

And we will make thanks, with strong hands and courageous hearts. When we see your sacred generosity, we become aware that we live in an infinite circle of gratitude. That we all are guests at a hospitable table around which gifts are passed and received. We will not let anything opposed to love take over this table. Instead, we choose to see grace, free and unmerited love, the giftedness of life everywhere, as the tender web of all creation. In this choosing, and in the making, we will pass gratitude onto the world.

Thus, with you, and with all those gathered here, we pledge to make thanks. And we ask you to strengthen us in this resolve. Here, now, and into the future. Around this table. Around the table of our nation. Around the table of the earth. Amen.

+ **Gospel Acclamation**

Thank You, God

Traditional

Follow the lead of the cantor

+ **Gospel Reading** - Luke 8:40-56 (NRSV)

The gospel according to Luke the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus's feet and began pleading with him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent

Quando Jesús regresó, la multitud se alegró de verlo, pues todos estaban esperándolo. En esto llegó un hombre llamado Jairo, que era jefe de la sinagoga. Se arrojó a los pies de Jesús y le suplicó que fuera a su casa porque su única hija, de unos doce años, estaba muriendo. Jesús se puso en camino y las multitudes se agolpaban sobre él. Había entre la gente una mujer que hacía doce años padecía de hemorragias, sin que nadie pudiera sanarla. Había gastado todo lo que tenía en médicos. Ella se le acercó por detrás, tocó el borde de su

all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, and immediately her flow of blood stopped. Then Jesus asked, “Who touched me?” When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds are hemming you in and pressing against you.” But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I noticed that power had gone out from me.” When the woman realized that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” While he was still speaking, someone came from the synagogue leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.” When Jesus heard this, he replied, “Do not be afraid. Only believe, and she will be saved.” When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James and the child’s father and mother. Everyone was weeping and grieving for her, but he said, “Do not cry, for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand, he called out, “Child, get up!” Her spirit returned, and she stood up at once, and he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded, but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened. The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pastor Amanda Simons

+ Hymn of the Day

All People That On Earth Do Dwell (*Vss. 1-3*)

ELW 883

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.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words “Peace be with you” or “La paz del Señor.”

manto y al instante cesó su hemorragia. —¿Quién me ha tocado? —preguntó Jesús. Como todos negaban haberlo tocado, Pedro le dijo:—Maestro, son multitudes las que te aprietan y te oprimen. —No, alguien me ha tocado —respondió Jesús—; yo sé que de mí ha salido poder. La mujer, al ver que no podía pasar inadvertida, se acercó temblando y se arrojó a sus pies. En presencia de toda la gente, contó por qué lo había tocado y cómo había sido sanada al instante. —¡Hija, tu fe te ha sanado! —dijo Jesús—. Vete en paz. Todavía estaba hablando Jesús cuando alguien llegó de la casa de Jairo, jefe de la sinagoga, para decirle:—Tu hija ha muerto. No molestes más al Maestro. Al oír esto, Jesús dijo a Jairo: —No tengas miedo; nada más cree y ella será sanada. Cuando llegó a la casa de Jairo, no dejó que nadie entrara con él, excepto Pedro, Juan y Santiago, y también el padre y la madre de la niña. Todos estaban llorando muy afligidos por ella.

—Dejen de llorar —dijo Jesús—. No está muerta, sino dormida. Entonces ellos empezaron a burlarse de él porque sabían que estaba muerta. Pero él la tomó de la mano y dijo:—¡Niña, levántate! Ella recobró la vida y al instante se levantó. Jesús mandó a darle de comer. Los padres se quedaron atónitos, pero él les advirtió que no contaran a nadie lo que había sucedido.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Gratitude and Generosity Sharing - Andy Rapacz

MEAL

Offertory

Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands

Robert Bucklee Farlee

Hope Choir

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

1 Before the Ancient One, Christ stands, enrobed in cloud and bright as snow, five wounds imprint his side, feet, hands, and thorns, the garland on his brow. Yet thrones and pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of majesty, for what the world admires as gain is not the essence of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and might, because he pitied humans' plight.

2 Who was, who is, and is to come as servant lived in human sphere; compassion was his diadem; his glory was the gentle tear; humility, his purple garb; the healing hand, his royal orb. Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the truer strength, and through all space the host proclaims the name above all other names.

3 Now in the latter days you call, O Christ, and plead the premise clear, that power grasped is none at all, and serving shows your Spirit near. As nations clash and wisdom wanes, as glories tempt and greed sustains, you bid us choose in ev'ry hour the pow'r of love, the greatest pow'r, that love may herald God's domain, and you, at last, may come to reign.

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+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

Beautiful Savior	ELW 838
Thine the Amen	ELW 826
When Morning Gilds the Skies	ELW 853

+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

O God Our Help In Ages Past (*Vss. 1-3 & 6*)

ELW 632

+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

Take My Life

Chris Kovarik (2025)

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Amanda Simons, (presiding minister); Stewart Herman (assisting minister); Hope Choir; Paul Stever (musicians); Jack Dant, Tim Hopkins, Beth Kautz, Lisa Morse (communion servers); Uli Koester (lector); Elizabeth and Matt Fry (worship tech facilitators); Ann Agrimson (Zoom facilitator); Kenneth Sarkela (greeter); Leena Rapacz, Williams Santana, Scott Hvizdos, Uli Koester (ushers); Anja Lukis, Junia Lukis (acolytes); Serefina Scheel (worship prep); Karilyn Alexander, Pauline Henrickson (communion clean-up); Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Jason Lukis (healing prayer)

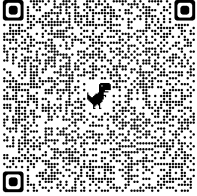
Gratitude and Generosity in 2026

"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.

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“The Serviceberry” Study

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 TODAY and 23rd in the library** with a light lunch provided. All Are Welcome.

TODAY, November 16 Fellowship Meal

Please join us for a meal and fellowship together in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs, below the sanctuary). Coordinator Sheila Hougen and volunteers are serving sloppy joes, salad, and dessert. All are welcome.

Upcoming November Forum (Sundays at 9:30am) offers Food for Thought

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.