

January 25  
10:30 AM



## Celebrating Diversity as God's Children



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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.

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### Welcome. Peace be with you.

**We continue our holy experiment.** We're worshipping together in-person and virtually on 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](mailto:ulch@ulch.org).
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families at the front of the sanctuary. 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

Excerpts from Partitata on “All Are Welcome” arr. Charles L. Lenz (2012)

## Welcome

*Today we will be using worship elements recommended by Reconciling Works and selected for this national day to honor, reflect upon, and re-commit to being a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation with a commitment to racial equity. We begin our worship with a spoken land acknowledgement as a part of our racial equity commitment. Please stand in presence or spirit.*

## + Gathering

Created out of nothing,

**We come here to be reminded of who we are.**

Created for goodness,

**We come with open hearts to be filled with everlasting love.**

Created as a beloved child of God,

**We come in celebration of the diversity of the body of Christ.**

Created with a heart for celebrating the rich diversity of creation, we come trusting in the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us as we acknowledge and honor the Dakota and Anishinaabeg peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who continue to care for this place - this land - and call it their home.

**As we live into the diversity that God has created, may we be bold to tell the whole story, for in knowing the truth of who we have been, we come to know more fully who we are called to be. Amen.**

## + Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW 532

## + Thanksgiving for Baptism

Water is life. Our bodies need water. This community needs water to be resilient and flourish. Plants and animals need water. Water is essential for all of life on this planet to thrive and flourish.

**We need water for drinking, for washing, for cooking, for cleaning, for refreshing. Water sustains our lives, and water enhances our lives. Every day of our lives includes multiple uses of water.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of water and for baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God, for this water that comes to us as a gift from our Creator, the source of all that is good and life-giving. You are a generous and loving God who blesses us through water and who claims all people in the fullness of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, gender expression, immigration status, beliefs, and abilities.**

Thank you for the gift of water, Holy Creator. And thank you for the gift of who we are - uniquely and lovingly formed. May we be reminded through the water of this font and through the water that nourishes our lives your holy words to Jesus and for us: You are my beloved, with whom I am well-pleased. May we remember this word of promise and grace for ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation. May we be emboldened through these waters to seek justice, peace, and well-being for all people, fauna, flora, and waters. **Amen!**

## Hymn

God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace (*vss. 1-2*) by Paul Damico-Carper

*Refrain*



God of prom - ise, let these signs of grace



kin - dle in our hearts a song of praise.

1 Life - giv - ing wa - ter          soak - ing our dry - ness,  
2 Word of pro - claim - ing,      breath on the wa - ter,  
3 Oil of a - noint - ing,          fra - grant with pow - er,  
4 Bright light of Eas - ter      cleav - ing the dark - ness,  
5 Robe of a - dop - tion          grow - ing God's fam - 'ly,



drown-ing our sin each day, mak - ing us new—  
plant - ing your prom - ise— the voice from a - bove:  
nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain—  
shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day—  
wrap - ping our bro - ken - ness in the di - vine—



mer - cy come stream - ing from you.  
"This is my child, my be - loved."  
mark of the life that we gain.  
bea - con of hope on the way.  
love be - come sym - bol and sign.

*Refrain*

## + 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

God of Beauty, you gather your beloved children into your care, each one a unique image of you. You claim us as your own and call us to follow in the ways of mercy, justice, and joy. Strengthen our changing hearts and minds to continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# WORD

## Children's Message

### Reading - 1 John 3:1-2

See what kind of love the Creator has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world did not recognize God, it does not recognize us. Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when God appears we will be like God because we'll see God as God is.

Word of God, word of freedom.  
**Thanks be to God.**

¡Fíjense qué gran amor nos ha dado el Padre, que se nos llame hijos de Dios! ¡Y lo somos! El mundo no nos conoce, precisamente, porque no lo conoció a él. Queridos hermanos, ahora somos hijos de Dios, pero todavía no se ha manifestado lo que habremos de ser. Sabemos, sin embargo, que cuando Cristo venga seremos semejantes a él, porque lo veremos tal como él es.

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

## + Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

## + Gospel Reading - Matthew 4:12-23

The gospel according to Matthew the fourth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in the shadow of death. From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of

Cuando Jesús oyó que habían encarcelado a Juan, regresó a Galilea. Partió de Nazaret y se fue a vivir a Capernaúm, que está junto al lago en la región de Zabulón y de Neftalí, para cumplir lo dicho por el profeta Isaías: «Tierra de Zabulón y tierra de Neftalí, desde el Camino del Mar, al otro lado del Jordán, Galilea de los gentiles; el pueblo que habitaba en la oscuridad ha visto una gran luz; sobre los que vivían en tierra de sombra de muerte una luz ha resplandecido». Desde entonces comenzó Jesús a predicar: «Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca». Mientras

heaven!” As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him.

Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee, their father, repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

caminaba junto al lago de Galilea, Jesús vio a dos hermanos: uno era Simón, llamado Pedro, y el otro, Andrés. Estaban echando la red al lago, pues eran pescadores. «Vengan, síganme —dijo Jesús—, y los haré pescadores de hombres». Al instante dejaron las redes y lo siguieron. Más adelante vio a otros dos hermanos: Santiago y Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que estaban con su padre en una barca remendando las redes. Jesús los llamó y dejaron enseguida la barca y a su padre para seguirlo. Jesús recorría toda Galilea enseñando en las sinagogas, anunciando las buenas noticias del reino y sanando toda enfermedad y dolencia entre la gente.

El Evangelio del Señor.

**Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

**Sermon** - Pastor Amanda Simons

**+ Hymn of the Day**

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

### **Statement of Faith**

Let us join together in proclaiming our faith:

**We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.**

**We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

**We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Following each petition: Merciful God, receive 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

Come, Beloved of the Maker

arr. Doug McConnell

*Text by Susan Palo Cherwien may be read in ELW 306*

Music: W. Walker

*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. O God, from nothing you created not only us as your beloved children but everything we would need to have an abundant life. As we bring our varied gifts to you, strengthen us as we celebrate the diversity you have blessed us with. Fill us with what we need and help us to recognize that there is more than enough for all as we work to bring your love to the ends of the earth. **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 communion setting 3

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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

.... as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## + 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 libranos 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. Children of all ages are welcome to partake 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

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table Text: Thomas Troeger (2002)

ACS 977, Music: Michale Corzine (2000)



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -  
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -  
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con-verge a -  
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.  
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.  
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.  
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.



# Jesus, You Have Truly Called Us

Text: Daniel Charles Damon (2019)

Music: BEACH SPRING (1844)

From "Songs for the Holy Other," A collection by The Hymn Society

Unison F Dm Bb Bb/C

1 Je - sus, you have tru - ly called us. Still, to - day, we hear your  
 2 Je - sus, save us from poor choic - es. Ha-tred, run - ning like a  
 3 Je - sus, save us from our weak - ness, from de - ceit and from de -

F F F/E Dm Dm/C Bb Bb/C

voice. Lead us on - ward, lead us up - ward, till all peo - ple can re -  
 thread through the fab - ric of our his - t'ry, mars our faith and leaves us  
 spair. Move us on to new cre - a - tion in a world that's free and

F Refrain Am Am/C Dm Dm/C Bb

joice.  
 dead. Meet us in our time of tri - al, fill us with your Spir - it's  
 fair.

Bb/C C Dm Am/C Bb F/A Gm7 Bb/C F

power. As we stand be - fore op - pres - sion, give us cour - age for this hour.

WORDS: Daniel Charles Damon

BEACH SPRING

MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White, *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Daniel Charles Damon

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All Are Welcome

ELW 641

## + Table Blessing

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

## + Prayer after Communion

Jesus our friend and savior, your life, death, and resurrection changed our world. May this meal of bread and wine bless us and sustain us in the building of a blessed community which welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people. **Amen.**

## Announcements

### SENDING

## + Sending Hymn

Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062, Text: Bjorlin



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

## + Blessing

As we leave this space may God's face shine upon us, God's love sustain us, and God's peace inspire us and grant us peace. May God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer - fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may live in hope of a blessed community where humanity's diversity is celebrated.  
**Amen.**

## + Dismissal

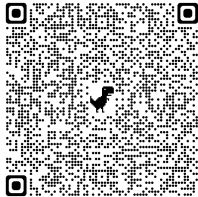
Go in peace to seek justice for all people.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Id en paz a buscar justicia para todas las personas.  
**Gracias a Dios!**

## Postlude

Final-Dance on "All Are Welcome"

arr. Charles L. Lenz (2012)

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## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Amanda Simons (presiding minister); Beth Kautz (assisting minister); Hope Choir, Paul Stever (musicians); Jack Dant, Paul Demeules, Tim Hopkins, Lynette Lamb (communion servers); Ann Beane (lector); Dan Bielenberg (worship tech facilitator); Kenneth Sarkela (greeter); Antje Enders, Karen Jorstad, Uli Koester, Williams Santana (ushers); Jacob Lanthier, Viva Whitney (acolytes); Julaine Kobiske (worship prep); Gretchen Peik, K. Phoebe Worthington (communion clean-up); Donna Neste (healing prayer)

**Treasurer's Report at the Sunday Forum**  
**Sunday, February 1 at 9:30am in Heritage Hall and via Zoom**

Interim Treasurer Jack Dant will provide an update on our 2025 financials and the proposed 2026 operational budget brought forward by the Vision and Governance Board for Hope's shared mission and ministry together.

**Congregational Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 8 12:00 PM**

Our congregation will gather for our annual meeting to review our shared mission and ministry in 2025, elect members to serve in open positions, and vote upon the proposed 2026 budget for the sustenance and vitality of our shared mission and discipleship work together as the body of Christ at Hope.

This will be a hybrid meeting. Please look for the Zoom link in next week's Thursday Epistle. For those gathering in person, we will meet in Heritage Hall and the Fellowship Hall. Appetizers and refreshments will be available.

**Congregational Fellowship Meal**  
**Sunday, February 15 Following Worship**

**Night Songs: Sunday, February 15 at 7pm**

Save the date for another Night Songs performance with our own Hope Choir and other local choirs! Many things will be similar to past years, but last time this event was so popular that we weren't able to seat everyone who showed up. So this time around we are requiring people to reserve tickets online in advance, to help ensure there is a seat for each person who comes: <https://Nightsongs2026.eventbrite.com>

We also need volunteers to help the event run smoothly. If you will be coming and could arrive early or stay late to help with various tasks please talk with Jo Schroeder or message Paul Stever at [pauls@ulch.org](mailto:pauls@ulch.org).