

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026
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 virtually on YouTube. Welcome!

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 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 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers (SUO GAN) arr. Harold Stover (2024)

Welcome

+ Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us - the Mississippi River, Lake Superior and our local lakes.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

+ **Greeting**

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ **Prayer of the Day**

O God, Christ is made known to all in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may witness the unfurling of his redeeming love for all the world and joyfully tell the story. **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Message

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Refrain Music: Mark Sedio

Refrain (*1st time choir sings, all sing thereafter*)

I will call up - on the name of the LORD.

Choir sings the verses in plain text, all sing the verses in bold

¹ I love the LORD, who has¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my¹ supplication,

²**for GOD has given¹ ear to me
whenev-¹ er I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the
grave¹ came upon me;
I came to¹ grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name¹ of the LORD:
“O GOD, I pray you,¹ save my life.” Refrain**

¹² How shall I re-¹ pay the LORD
for all the good things God has¹ done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup¹ of salvation
and call on the name¹ of the LORD.**

¹ Yo amo al SEÑOR
porque él escucha mi voz de súplica.

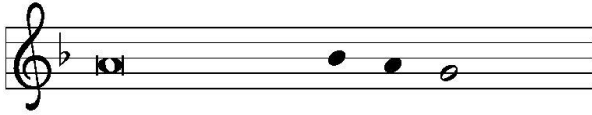
² **Por cuanto él inclina a mí su oído,
lo invocaré toda mi vida.**

³ Los lazos de la muerte me enredaron;
me sorprendió la angustia del sepulcro
y caí en la ansiedad y la aflicción.

⁴ **Entonces clamé al SEÑOR:
«¡Te ruego, SEÑOR, que me salves la vida!».** R

¹² ¿Cómo puedo pagarle al SEÑOR
por tanta bondad que me ha mostrado?

¹³ **¡Tan solo brindando con la copa de salvación
e invocando el nombre del SEÑOR!**



¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your¹ sight, O GOD,
is the death¹ of your servants.**

¹⁶ O GOD, truly I¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you
have freed me¹ from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name¹ of the LORD. Refrain**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of¹ the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.¹ Hallelujah!
Refrain**



¹⁴ ¡Tan solo cumpliendo mis promesas al SEÑOR
en presencia de todo su pueblo!

¹⁵ **Mucho valor tiene a los ojos del SEÑOR
la muerte de sus fieles.**

¹⁶ Yo, SEÑOR, soy tu siervo;
soy siervo tuyo, hijo de tu sierva;
¡tú has roto mis cadenas!

¹⁷ **Te ofreceré un sacrificio de gratitud
e invocaré, SEÑOR, tu nombre. R**

¹⁸ Cumpliré mis promesas al SEÑOR
en presencia de todo su pueblo,

¹⁹ **en los atrios de la casa del SEÑOR,
en medio de ti, oh Jerusalén. ¡Aleluya! R**



I will call up - on the name of the LORD.

Reading - Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Entonces Pedro, con los once, se puso de pie y dijo a voz en cuello: «Compatriotas judíos y todos ustedes que están en Jerusalén, déjenme explicarles lo que sucede; presten atención a lo que voy a decir. »Por tanto, que todo Israel esté bien seguro de que este Jesús, a quien ustedes crucificaron, Dios lo ha hecho Señor y Cristo». Cuando oyeron esto, todos se sintieron profundamente con- movidos y dijeron a Pedro y a los otros apóstoles: —Hermanos, ¿qué debemos hacer? —Arrepiéntase y bautícese cada uno de ustedes en el nombre de Jesucristo para perdón de sus pecados —contestó Pedro—, y recibirán el don del Espíritu Santo. En efecto, la promesa es para ustedes, para sus hijos y para todos los que están lejos; es decir, para todos aquellos a quienes el Señor, nue- stro Dios, llame. Y con muchas otras palabras les exhort- aba insistentemente:—¡Sálvense de esta generación per- versa! Así, pues, los que recibieron su mensaje fueron bau- tizados y aquel día se unieron a la iglesia unas tres mil personas.

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

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 4



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ Gospel Reading - Luke 24:13-35

The resurrection gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two disciples]were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then

Aquel mismo día, dos de ellos se dirigían a un pueblo llamado Emaús, a unos once kilómetros de Jerusalén. Iban conversando sobre todo lo que había acontecido. Sucedió que, mientras hablaban y discutían, Jesús mismo se acercó y comenzó a caminar con ellos; pero no lo reconocieron, pues sus ojos estaban velados. —¿Qué vienen discutiendo por el camino? —preguntó. Se detuvieron, cabizbajos. Uno de ellos, llamado Cleofas, le dijo:—¿Eres tú el único peregrino en Jerusalén que no se ha enterado de todo lo que ha pasado recientemente? —¿Qué es lo que ha pasado? —preguntó. Ellos respondieron:—Lo de Jesús de Nazaret. Era un profeta poderoso en obras y en palabras delante de Dios y de todo el pueblo. Los jefes de los sacerdotes y nuestros gobernantes lo entregaron para ser condenado a muerte y lo crucificaron; pero nosotros abrigábamos la esperanza de que era él quien redimiría a Israel. Es más, ya hace tres días que sucedió todo esto. También algunas mujeres de nuestro grupo nos dejaron asombrados. Esta mañana, muy temprano, fueron al sepulcro, pero no hallaron su cuerpo. Cuando volvieron, nos contaron que se les habían aparecido unos ángeles quienes les dijeron que él está vivo. Algunos de nuestros compañeros fueron después al sepulcro y lo encontraron tal como habían dicho las mujeres, pero a él no lo vieron. —¡Qué torpes son ustedes —les dijo—, y qué tardos de corazón para creer todo lo que han dicho los profetas! ¿Acaso no tenía que sufrir el Cristo estas cosas antes de entrar en su gloria? Entonces,

beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

+ **Hymn of the Day**

Day of Arising

ELW 374

+ **Prayers of the People**

Following each petition: God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

+ **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."

MEAL

Offertory

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1997)

Hope Choir

Text: Michael Dennis Browne

The text may be read on the next page

comenzando por Moisés y por todos los Profetas, les explicó lo que se refería a él en todas las Escrituras. Al acercarse al pueblo adonde se dirigían, Jesús hizo como que iba más lejos. Pero ellos insistieron: —Quédate con nosotros que está atardeciendo, pronto será de noche. Así que entró para quedarse con ellos. Luego, estando con ellos a la mesa, tomó el pan, lo bendijo, lo partió y se lo dio. Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y lo reconocieron, pero él desapareció. Se decían el uno al otro: —¿No ardía nuestro corazón mientras conversaba con nosotros en el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras? Al instante se pusieron en camino y regresaron a Jerusalén. Allí encontraron a los once y a los que estaban reunidos con ellos. «¡Es cierto! —decían—. El Señor ha resucitado y se le ha aparecido a Simón». Los dos, por su parte, contaron lo que les había sucedido en el camino y cómo habían reconocido a Jesús cuando partió el pan.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Even before we call on Your name To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, Surpassing all we know.
Glory to the father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, And unto ages and ages, Amen.

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

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

+ The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

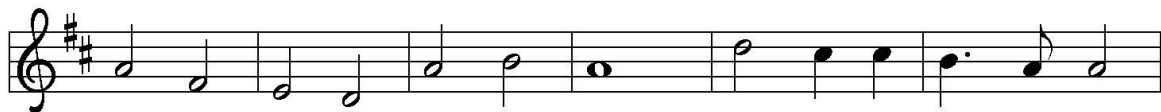
Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.... we join their unending hymn:

+ Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 4



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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 worshipping 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), receive either the red wine or white grape juice in your cup, place your used cup 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.*

If you are so inclined during this time... *You may dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, light candles for situations around the world and close to home or add a prayer to the prayer wall. All prayer slips remain anonymous. Periodically throughout the year, prayers are removed from the wall, blessed during worship, and burned in our courtyard fireplace as a sign of releasing our burdens and entrusting our concerns to God's care.*

Music During Communion

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

ACS 938

See music on next page



1 Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en
2 Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he died to
3 Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who
4 Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge



where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised,
love and save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en
fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion
and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled,



as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em -
bring - ing flow'rs to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en
where their faith had once burned bright. They be - moan what
all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en,



brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the
for dis - ci - ples, hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose
is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ
Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been: ev - i -



world con - firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.
ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.
dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938–1984

We Come to the Hungry Feast
We Who Once Were Dead

ELW 479
ELW 495

+ Table Blessing

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

+ Prayer after Communion

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

+Announcements

SENDING

+Sending Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (*vss. 1-2 & 5*)

ELW 377

+Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Oh, Love, How Deep (DEO GRACIAS) arr. Harold Stover (2024)

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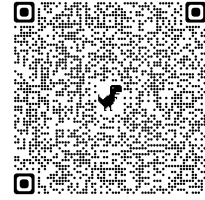
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Today’s Worship Leaders

Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding minister); Kirsten Mebust (assisting minister); Hope Choir, Paul Stever (musicians); Randall Brooks, Tim Hopkins, Beth Kautz, Jacob Lanthier (communion servers); Lydia Rapacz (lector); Alex Carlson (worship tech facilitator); Sharlene Hensrud (greeter); Uli Koester, Leena Rapacz, Williams Santana, Ron Sorensen (ushers); Malena Carlson, Layla Rapacz (acolytes); Serafina Scheel (worship prep); John Beane, Evan Peterson (communion clean-up); Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Julia Reimann-Perez (healing prayer)

April Sunday Forums: Hope for Future Generations

April 19 and 26: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, presented by Lori Brandt Hale.

At this time of rising authoritarianism in our country and around the world, we have a unique opportunity to explore the thoughts of Lutheran theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, with an expert in the field. Dr. Lori Brandt Hale is a professor at Augsburg College and a member of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section (IBS-ELS). This society is dedicated to advancing the theology and legacy of German pastor-theologian and Nazi resister, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in the academy, church, and world.

“The ultimately responsible question is not how I extricate myself heroically from a situation but how a coming generation is to go on living.” ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer, December 1942.

Fellowship Meal - Following Worship Today

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for a Taco bar with sides and dessert. All are welcome to partake in this meal and time to connect with the community.

Bread for the World Offering Letters - Following Worship Today

You're invited to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for this very important action in helping to procure billions of dollars for desperately needed hunger programs, for this nation and the world through the offering of letters. Come and write a letter to your legislator in support of food programs for persons facing food insecurity.

Holden Evening Prayer Around the World

Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 pm University Lutheran Church of Hope Sanctuary

Join us for this special service as we gather with communities around the world to celebrate Holden Village and the 40th anniversary of Vespers '86, the beloved liturgy composed by Marty Haugen during his residency at Holden. Friends of both Hope and Holden are warmly invited.

The service will include a time of fellowship afterward and a special offering to support Holden Village as it recovers from the devastating mudslides and flooding that destroyed the access road to the village.

Special Offering Invitation: Support the Sanctuary Fund

In 2016, our congregation committed to being a sanctuary congregation for our immigrant neighbors. Through the Sanctuary Fund—also known as the Hopeful Hope Sanctuary Fund—we continue to provide direct legal and mutual aid to individuals and families we accompany.

This Easter season, we invite you to make a special offering, above and beyond your regular giving, to support this ministry. Your generosity offers hope and practical support to our immigrant friends in challenging times. Gifts may be given online via www.ulch.org