

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 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 Sonata in F major: Larghetto and Allegro by G. F. Handel
Judy Ranheim, flute

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 and streams.

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**

Loving God, your Child Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

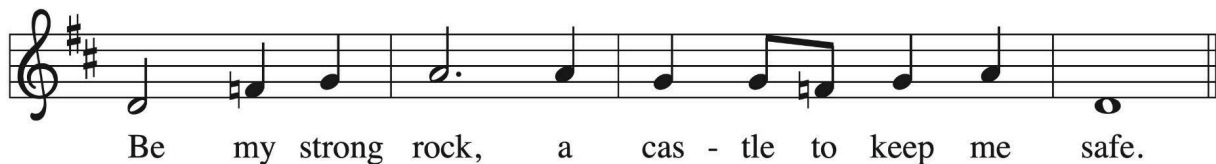
WORD

Children's Message

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

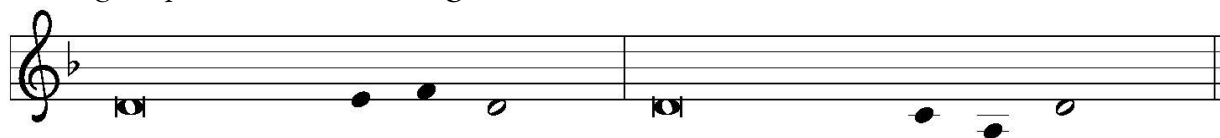
Refrain Music: Linda Cable Shute

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



Be my strong rock, a cas - tle to keep me safe.

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



¹In you, O GOD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength. Refrain**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love." **Refrain**

¹En ti, SEÑOR, busco refugio;
jamás permitas que me avergüencen.
Por tu justicia, líbrame.

²**Inclina a mí tu oído
y acude pronto a socorrerme.**

³Sé tú mi roca de refugio, la fortaleza de mi
salvación. Guíame, pues eres mi roca y mi
fortaleza, dirígeme por amor a tu nombre.

⁴**Líbrame de la trampa que me han tendido,
porque tú eres mi refugio. R.**

⁵En tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu;
líbrame, SEÑOR, Dios de la verdad.

¹⁵**Mi vida entera está en tus manos;
líbrame de mis enemigos y perseguidores.**

¹⁶Haz resplandecer tu rostro sobre tu siervo;
por tu gran amor, sálvame. **R.**

+ **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 - John 14:1-14**

The resurrection gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:]“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

»No se angustien. Confíen en Dios y confíen también en mí. En el hogar de mi Padre hay muchas viviendas. Si no fuera así, ¿les habría dicho yo a ustedes que voy a prepararles un lugar allí? Y si me voy y se lo preparo, vendré para llevármelos conmigo. Así ustedes estarán donde yo esté. Ustedes ya conocen el camino para ir adonde yo voy. Dijo entonces Tomás:— Señor, no sabemos a dónde vas, así que ¿cómo podemos conocer el camino? —Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida —contestó Jesús—. Nadie llega al Padre sino por mí. Si ustedes realmente me conocieran, conocerían también a mi Padre. Y ya desde este momento lo conocen y lo han visto. —Señor —dijo Felipe—, muéstranos al Padre y con eso nos basta. Jesús le contestó:—¡Pero, Felipe! ¿Tanto tiempo llevo ya entre ustedes y todavía no me conoces? El que me ha visto a mí ha visto al Padre. ¿Cómo puedes decirme: “Muéstranos al Padre”? ¿Acaso no crees que yo estoy en el Padre y que el Padre está en mí? Las palabras que yo les comunico, no las hablo como cosa mía, sino que es el Padre que está en mí, quien realiza sus obras. Créanme cuando digo que yo estoy en el Padre y que el Padre está en mí o al menos, créanme por las obras mismas. Les aseguro que el que cree en mí también hará las obras que yo hago y aun las hará mayores, porque yo vuelvo al Padre. Cualquier cosa que ustedes pidan en mi nombre, yo la haré; así será glorificado el Padre en el Hijo. Lo que pidan en mi nombre, yo lo haré.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Sermon - Mary Reimann-Perez

+ Hymn of the Day

Nothing Can Trouble

ACS 1033, Taize community

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te_es - pan - te.
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

na - da te_es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

+ 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

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Jean Berger (1959)

Hope Choir

Text from Psalm 145:15-16

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.

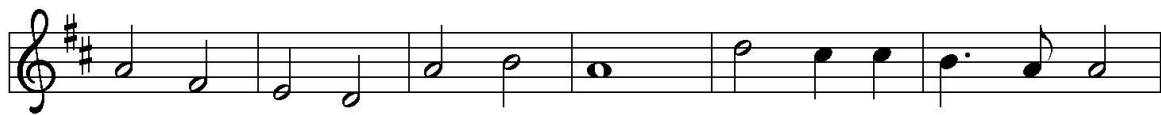
Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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	Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life	ELW 816
	You Are the Way	ELW 758
	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

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 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (*vss. 1-3 & 5*) ELW 389

+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

Sonata in F major: Allegro
Judy Ranheim, flute

by G. F. Handel

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Today’s Worship Leaders

Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding minister); Bill Sanden (assisting minister); Hope Choir, Paul Stever (musicians); Lisa Morse, Gretchen Peik, Jan Sanden, John Lauber (communion servers); Jan Sanden (lector); Matthew Fry (worship tech facilitator); Kenneth Sarkela (greeter); Kelleen Brooks, Ron Sorensen (ushers); Anja Lukis, Junia Lukis (acolytes); Kathy Kufus (worship prep); Kelleen Brooks, Randall Brooks (communion clean-up); Jason Lukis, Diane Greve (healing prayer)

Courtyard Concert - Wednesday, May 27 at 7pm

Our first outdoor/courtyard concert at ULCH this season will be **Wed, May 27 at 7pm** with ASI Lilla Spelmanslag, a group of youth fiddlers based at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. Their teacher Ingela Eilert Haaland (she/her) is from Lund, Sweden, and **works as a Swedish instructor at the University of Minnesota. At the American Swedish Institute, Ingela is the music director of the ASI Lilla Spelmanslag.** The ASI Lilla Spelmanslag is planning on traveling to Sweden in 2027 to meet other youth folk musicians and make music together. You can learn more about the group at <https://www.asispelmanslag.org/youth>