

10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026
10:00 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 Will You Come and Follow Me arr. Sylvia Oines (2024)

Welcome

+ Litany of Confession

As members of God's family, woven together with all peoples and the land itself, we confess together:

We remember the generous gifts of creation and God's promise of enough.

We remember acres sold and treaties breaking, settlers unsettling and systems taking.

We remember the isolation of immigration, homesteads far from new neighbors and old country.

We remember Dakota people already and not yet, and resilient voices in this generation.

We remember farmers who labor to feed the world, who know wind and weather in their bones.

We confess we forget that we belong to each other and to this land.

Silence for reflection and time to remember.

Beloved of Christ,

Know yourself forgiven and connected to the gifts of creation and to each other, all

relations of the God who re-members.

Re-member us, O God. Amen.

(adapted from Meta Herrick Carlson's We Remember: A Litany for the Land)

+ **Gathering Hymn** All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW 461

+ 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.

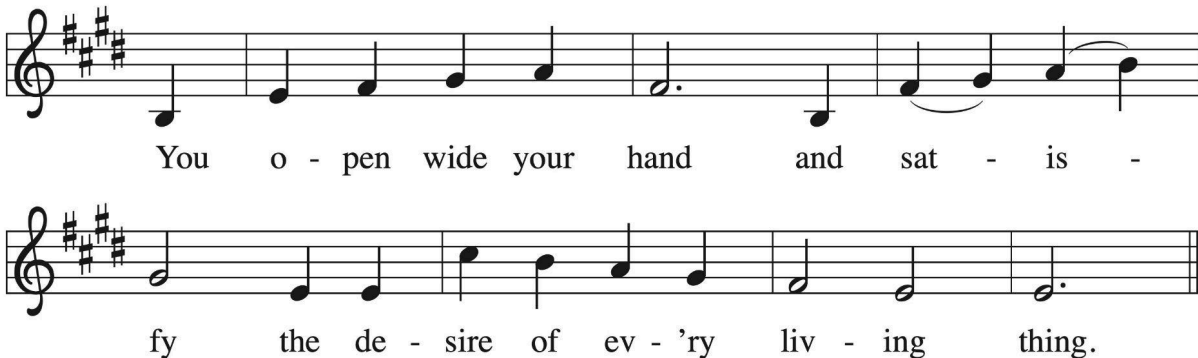
+ Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

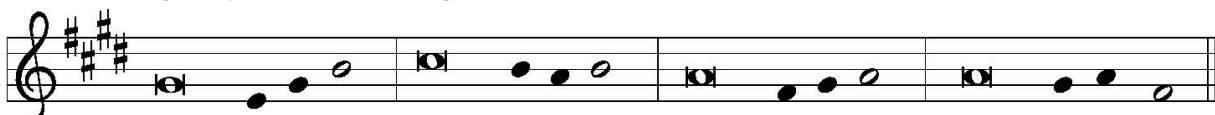
WORD

Children's Message

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



Cantor sings the plain text, all sing the Bold text



⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ GOD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.

Refrain

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O GOD,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ **You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

Refrain

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰ **You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.**

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name
forever and ever.**

Refrain

⁸ El SEÑOR es misericordioso y compasivo,
lento para la ira y grande en amor.

⁹ El SEÑOR es bueno con todos;
él tiene misericordia de todas sus obras.

Refrain

¹⁴ El SEÑOR sostiene a los caídos
y levanta a los agobiados.

¹⁵ Los ojos de todos se posan en ti
y a su tiempo les das su alimento.

¹⁶ **Abres la mano y sacias con tus favores
a todo ser viviente.**

¹⁷ **El SEÑOR es justo en todos sus caminos
y bondadoso en todas sus obras.**

Refrain

¹⁸ El SEÑOR está cerca de quienes lo invocan,
de quienes lo invocan en verdad.

¹⁹ Cumple los deseos de quienes le temen;
atiende a su clamor y los salva.

²⁰ **El SEÑOR cuida a todos los que lo aman,
pero aniquilará a todos los malvados.**

²¹ **¡Mi boca proclamará alabanzas al SEÑOR!
¡Alabe su santo nombre todo ser viviente,
por siempre y para siempre!**

Refrain

+ Gospel Acclamation *All sing in Spanish, then English* ACS Setting 11 (from Honduras)

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

+ Gospel Reading - Matthew 14:13-21

The gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Cuando Jesús recibió la noticia, se retiró él solo en una barca a un lugar solitario. Las multitudes se enteraron y lo siguieron a pie desde los poblados. Cuando Jesús desembarcó y vio tanta gente, tuvo compasión de ellos y sanó a los que estaban enfermos. Al atardecer se le acercaron sus discípulos y dijeron:—Este es un lugar apartado y ya se hace tarde. Despide a la gente, para que vayan a los pueblos y se compren algo de comer. —No tienen que irse —contestó Jesús—. Denles ustedes mismos de comer. Ellos objetaron:—No tenemos aquí más que cinco panes y dos pescados. —Tráiganmelos acá —dijo Jesús. Y mandó a la gente que se sentara sobre la hierba. Tomó los cinco panes y los dos pescados y, mirando al cielo, los bendijo. Luego partió los panes y se los dio a los discípulos, quienes los repartieron a la gente. Todos comieron hasta quedar satisfechos y los discípulos recogieron doce canastas llenas de pedazos que sobraron. Los que comieron fueron unos cinco mil hombres, sin contar a las mujeres y a los niños.

El Evangelio del Señor. **Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

Sermon - Pastor Amanda Simons

+ Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition: God of Grace, **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

Amazing Grace

arr. Jean Anne Shafferman (1997)

Stewart Herman and Paul Stever, vocal duet; Marty Lewis-Hunstiger, piano

As an act of gratitude and participation in God's work among us, we offer our gifts. Thank you for supporting the ministry we share together through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Financial offerings may be made online, via the QR code at the rear of the bulletin, by mail, or in the offering plate during Communion.

+ Offertory Prayer

We thank you, our Father, that you have empowered us to participate in the miraculous multiplying ministry of your Son. Receive now these gifts you have provided us out of your abundance that your miracle ministry may multiply to satisfy the hungry of this world today. In Jesus' name, **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

ACS Setting 11



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
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+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.*

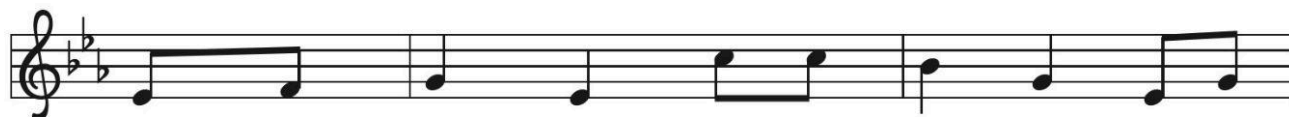
If you are so inclined during this time... *You may dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, light candles for situations around the world and close to home or add a prayer to the prayer wall. All prayer slips remain anonymous. Periodically throughout the year, prayers are removed from 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 Break Now the Bread of Life

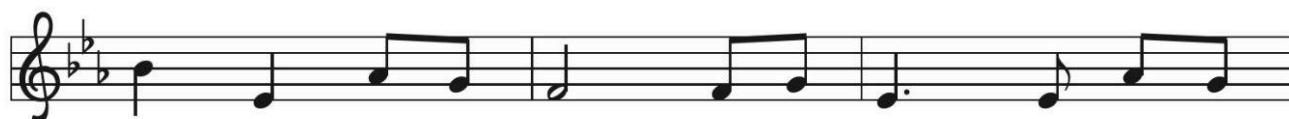
ELW 515

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

ACS 966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



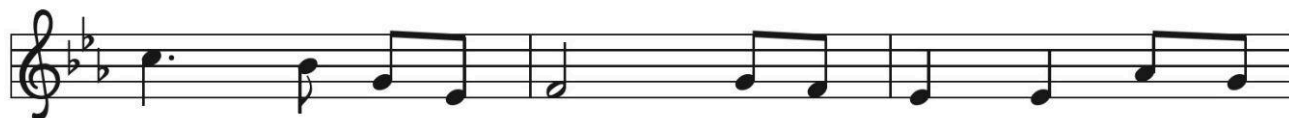
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

+ 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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

+Blessing

May the grace of Jesus Christ be multiplied to you and through you, now and forever. **Amen.**

+Dismissal

Go forth with courage, loving God and serving neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Is the Feast of Victory

arr. Sherri Hansen (2019)

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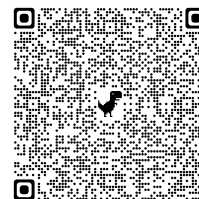
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Today’s Worship Leaders

Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding minister); James Flaten (assisting minister); Stewart Herman, Marty Lewis-Hunstiger, Paul Stever (musician); John Beane, Kelleen Brooks, Ruth Hedman, Julia Reimann-Perez (communion servers); Elaine Reed (lector); Addison Gillette (worship tech facilitator); Keneth Sarkela (greeter); Freddie VanHeuvelen, Jane VanHeuvelen, Tom VanHeuvelen, Karen Westwood (ushers); Kelleen Brooks, Randall Brooks (communion clean-up); Carol Flaten (worship prep); Donna Neste, Diane Greve (healing prayer)

Save the Date - Upcoming Events

Hope Choir resumes September 9 at 7-8:30pm

The fall season of Hope Choir rehearsals and worship leadership resumes with Wednesday night rehearsals, beginning September 9 at 7-8:30pm. If you haven't sung with us recently, it can be helpful to let Paul (pauls@ulch.org) or someone in the choir know you'll be coming so that we can have music ready for you. Whether you've sung with us recently or not, all are welcome!

If you would like to participate in handbells or any other aspect of music programming, feel free to reach out at any time. We are starting to set the fall schedules now.

Courtyard Concert

Thursday, September 10 at 7pm, suggested freewill donation \$10

Orkestar Bez Ime [or-KESS-tar behz EE-meh], meaning “orchestra without a name” in Bulgarian, was formed in 2002 to recreate the sounds of the village with a presentation as festive as the music itself. Focusing on Eastern Europe and music of the Rom (“Gypsy”) people, OBI’s repertoire reaches from Albania to Ukraine, with plenty of stops in between. Orkestar Bez Ime is a winner of the 2011-2012 McKnight Artist Fellowships for Performing Musicians administered by MacPhail Center for Music and a recipient of a 2012 Minnesota Emerging Composers Award from the American Composers Forum. OBI is: Colleen Bertsch, Scott Keever, Matt Miller, Katrina Mundinger, Natalie Nowytski, and Eric Ray. <https://orkestarbezime.com/>

Neighborhood Hope Celebration Sunday, September 20 after worship

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of community, connection, and hope! Enjoy delicious oven-baked pizza, live music, games for all ages, and our special Re-Circulation Event—where donated household items find new homes. Browse, choose, and adopt items you can use while helping reduce waste and bless your neighbors. Bring your family, invite a friend, and celebrate the joy of being a neighborhood together!

Want to help make it happen? We're looking for volunteers to assist with setup, hospitality, games, and cleanup. Whether you can help for an hour or the whole event, we'd love to have you join the team and help bring hope to our neighborhood! Contact Pastor Amanda at amandas@ulch.org to volunteer.