24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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 worshiping together in-person and virtually on YouTube. Welcome!

For those worshiping 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 We Gather (Help Us Make Amends) Tim Gustafson (2026)

All join in singing the bold text

We gather on the land of our creator; **(We gather on the land of our creator)**
We gather on a land that is not ours. **(We gather on a land that is not ours)**
We gather in the shadow of our history; **(We gather)**
Help us make amends; bestow your power.

Dakota folk long called this place their home; **(Dakota folk long called this place their home)**
Dakota folk still live upon this land. **(Dakota folk still live upon this land)**
Redeem us for community and justice; **(Redeem us)**
Help us make amends, led by your hand.

We gather in a spirit of contrition; **(We gather in a spirit of contrition)**
We gather in confession in this place. **(We gather in confession in this place)**
We gather in our brokenness and mystery; **(We gather)**
Help us make amends; bestow your grace.

Welcome

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose promises endure forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

We confess that we have trusted in our own plans instead of your promises. We have allowed fear and uncertainty to narrow our imagination and turn inwardly. We cling to what is familiar rather than trusting the future you are creating. We overlook the needs of our neighbors and miss opportunities to share your love.

Forgive us when we forget our identity and purpose. Renew us by your Spirit, strengthen us in hope, and lead us more deeply into the life you desire for all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven and you are set free to live in hope and love your neighbor with Christ's own compassion. Amen.

+ Processional Hymn Praise and Thanksgiving ELW 689



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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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+ 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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

Children's Message/Quilt Blessing

Reading - Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

¡Ay de los que suspiran por el día del Señor!
¿De qué les servirá ese día
si va a ser de oscuridad y no de luz?
Será como cuando alguien huye de un león
y se le viene encima un oso, o como cuando al llegar a su casa, apoya la mano en la pared y lo muerde una serpiente.
¿No será el día del Señor de oscuridad y no de luz?
¡Será por cierto sombrío y sin resplandor!
«Detesto y aborrezco sus fiestas religiosas;
no me agradan sus cultos solemnes.
Aunque me traigan holocaustos y ofrendas de cereal,
no los aceptaré; no prestaré atención
a los sacrificios de comunión de novillos cebados.
Aleja de mí el bullicio de tus canciones;
no quiero oír la música de tus liras.
Pero ¡que fluya el derecho como las aguas
y la justicia como arroyo inagotable!

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

+ Gospel Acclamation Sing Alleluia by Tim Gustafson (2024)



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+ Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:1-13

The gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with

»El reino de los cielos será entonces como diez jóvenes solteras que tomaron sus lámparas y salieron a recibir al novio. Cinco de ellas eran insensatas y cinco, prudentes. Las insensatas llevaron sus lámparas, pero no se abastecieron de aceite. En cambio, las prudentes llevaron vasijas de aceite junto con sus lámparas. Y como el novio tardaba en llegar, a todas les dio sueño y se durmieron. A medianoche se oyó un grito: "¡Ahí viene el novio! ¡Salgan a recibirlo!". Entonces todas las jóvenes se despertaron y se pusieron a preparar sus lámparas. Las insensatas dijeron a las prudentes: "Dennos un poco de su aceite porque nuestras lámparas se están apagando". "No —respondieron estas—, porque así no va a alcanzar ni para nosotras ni para ustedes. Es mejor que vayan a los que venden aceite y compren para ustedes mismas". Mientras

him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

iban a comprar el aceite, llegó el novio. Las jóvenes que estaban preparadas entraron con él al banquete de bodas. Y se cerró la puerta. Después llegaron también las otras. "¡Señor, Señor —decían—, ábrenos!". "¡Les aseguro que no las conozco!", respondió él. »Por tanto —agregó Jesús —, manténganse despiertos porque no saben ni el día ni la hora.

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

Sermon - Pastor Amanda Simons

+ Hymn of the Day Another World is Possible

+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition: God of Grace, **hear 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."

Gratitude and Generosity Moment

Meal

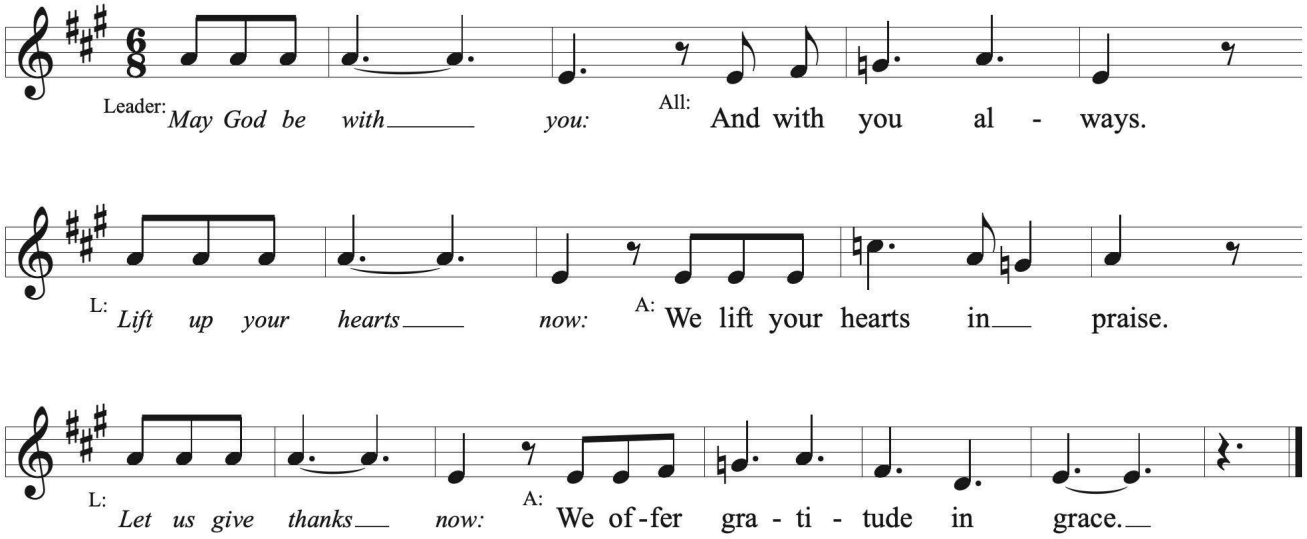
Offertory Give Us Today by Bret Hesla (2003)
ULCHers Band

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

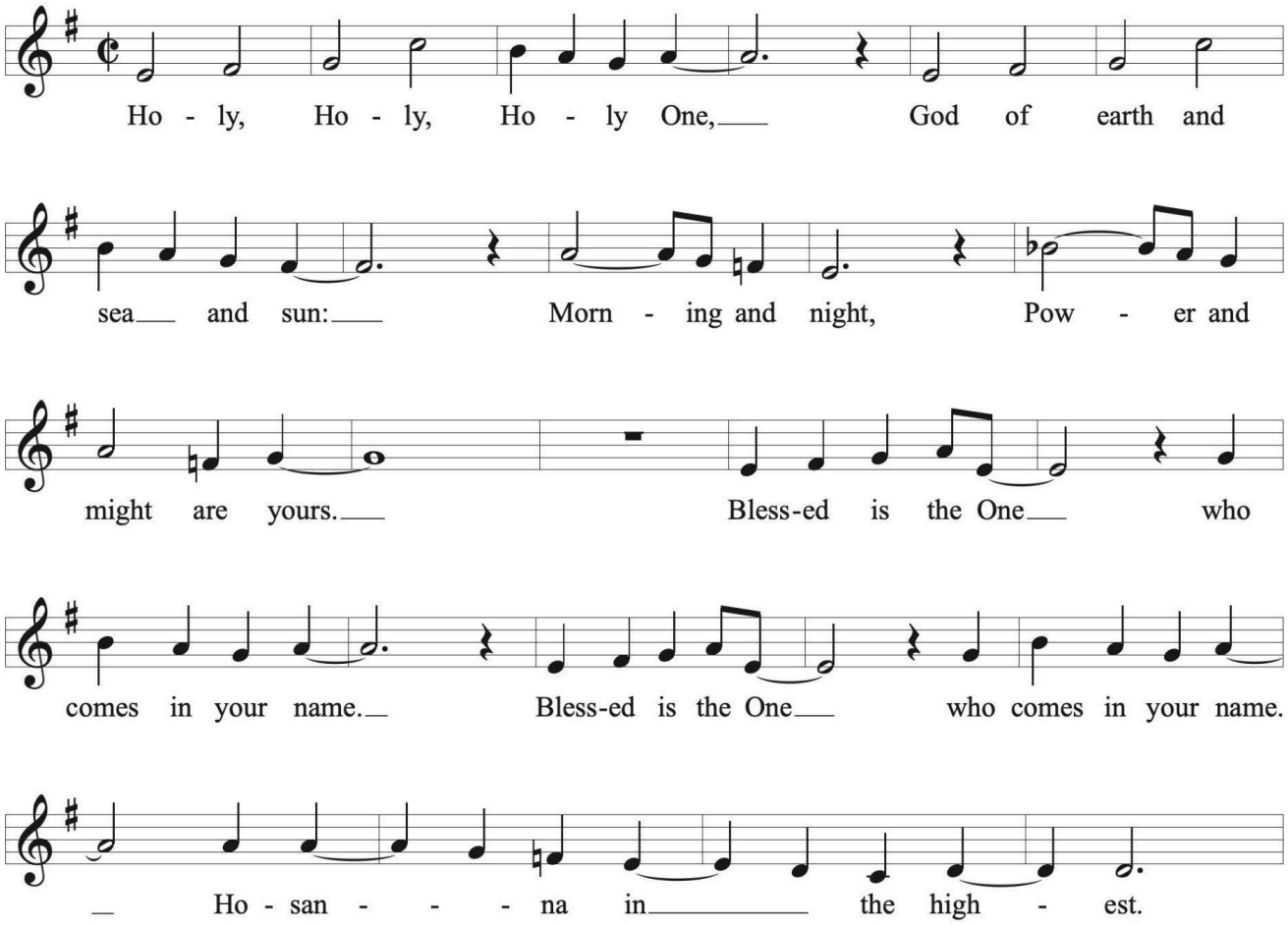
Generous God, **everything we have and everything we are comes from you. Because you fill us with hope, we dare to dream of your kingdom, to share our gifts, and to align our lives with your mission. Receive our offerings of time, talent, and treasure and use them to bring healing, justice, and abundant life to the world. Amen.**

+The Great Thanksgiving May God Be With You by Tim Gustafson (2024)



It is indeed...join their unending hymn:

+ Sanctus by Tim Gustafson (2024)





+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), 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 My Lord, What a Morning ELW 438



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Have You Thanked the Lord? ELW 829



Text: Bill LaMotta, 1919–1980
Music: LAMOTTA, Bill LaMotta
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+ Table Blessing

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

+ Prayer after Communion

God of hope, in this meal you have fed us with the presence of Christ and renewed us with your grace. Strengthened by your promises, send us into the world to dream boldly, serve joyfully, and share generously, until all people know the abundance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+Announcements

SENDING

Sending Hymn Take My Life ELW 583

Music on next page


Refrain/Estribillo
To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
To stanzas
Last time
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.
1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;
con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;
que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall
Refrain/Estribillo
pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

+Blessing

May the God who gives hope to the weary, The Christ who calls us into God's future,
And the Holy Spirit who inspires holy dreams, + bless you and keep you, today and always. **Amen.**

+Dismissal

Go in peace, because we hope, we dream. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Soon and Very Soon — Andraé Crouch (1976)

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Today's Worship Leaders

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Sunday, November 15, 9:30am Forum: Music and Resistance

Solveig Mebust will present material gleaned from her dissertation regarding the uses of music in the women's movement in Norway in the late 19th century.

Sunday, November 15, Fellowship Meal after worship

Our Fellowship Meal in November will be on Sunday, November 15, likely chili. Stay tuned for the details. If you have questions, talk to Sheila Hougen or Ann Beane.

Sunday, November 22, 9:30am Forum
"You're Going Where?": Nine Months in North Macedonia.

Karen Westwood and John Pignatello will reflect on their time in a country most people know little about.