

Welcome. Peace be with you.

Welcome to all who are joining us virtually. In this time of social distancing and COVID-19 pandemic response, we are grateful for the opportunity to gather in spirit.

Children are welcome in worship. Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles and set up your craft tables!

In our service today, we will share **Holy Communion**.

If you'd like to participate, please have bread and wine or juice available.

We welcome your feedback as we experiment with online worship! What works or doesn't work?

What should we try? Our contact info is on the back page of this bulletin.

During today's service, **use the comments** section on YouTube or chat section on Zoom for prayer requests. We will engage these live during the Prayers of the People.

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 and a sanctuary congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

The 5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Jen Nagel (presiding minister); Kirsten Mebust (assisting minister); Zach Busch, Hope Choir (music); John Lauber (lector); Ann Agrimson, Dan Bielenberg (tech facilitators)



gathering

*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.*

Assembly parts are marked in bold.

Prelude

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

**We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

**Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

Amen.

Opening Song - We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924
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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

¡Aleluya! ¡Christo ha resucitado!

Cristo ha en verdad resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

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.

Let us pray. O God,
you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

word

Reading - Acts 8:26-40 (used later for “I wonder, I notice...”)

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going

Un ángel del Señor le dijo a Felipe: «Ponte en marcha hacia el sur, por el camino del desierto que baja de Jerusalén a Gaza». Felipe emprendió el viaje, y resulta que se encontró con un etíope eunuco, alto funcionario encargado de todo el tesoro de la Candace, reina de los etíopes. Este había ido a Jerusalén para adorar y, en el viaje de regreso a su país, iba sentado en su carroza, leyendo el libro del profeta Isaías. El Espíritu le dijo a Felipe: «Acércate y júntate a ese carro». Felipe se acercó de prisa a la carroza y, al oír que el hombre leía al profeta Isaías, le preguntó: —¿Acaso entiende usted lo que está leyendo? —¿Y cómo voy a entenderlo —contestó— si nadie me lo explica?

Así que invitó a Felipe a subir y sentarse con él. El pasaje de la Escritura que estaba leyendo era el siguiente:

«Como oveja, fue llevado al matadero; y como cordero que enmudece ante su trasquilador, ni siquiera abrió su boca. Lo humillaron y no le hicieron justicia. ¿Quién describirá su descendencia? Porque su vida fue arrancada de la tierra».

—Dígame usted, por favor, ¿de quién habla aquí el profeta, de sí mismo o de algún otro? —le preguntó el eunuco a Felipe. Entonces Felipe, comenzando con ese mismo pasaje de la Escritura, le anunció las buenas nuevas acerca de Jesús. Mientras iban por el camino, llegaron a un lugar donde había agua, y dijo el eunuco: —Mire usted, aquí hay agua. ¿Qué impide que yo sea bautizado? Entonces mandó parar la

along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

carroza, y ambos bajaron al agua, y Felipe lo bautizó. Cuando subieron del agua, el Espíritu del Señor se llevó de repente a Felipe. El eunuco no volvió a verlo, pero siguió alegre su camino. En cuanto a Felipe, apareció en Azoto, y se fue predicando el evangelio en todos los pueblos hasta que llegó a Cesarea.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody - Psalm 22:25-31

Sung Refrain: Remember, remember, remember.

From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

For dominion belongs | to the Lord,

who rules o- | ver the nations. *Refrain*

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.

Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!" ***Refrain***

Second Reading - 1 John 4:17-21, adapted

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and

Queridos hermanos, amémonos los unos a los otros, porque el amor viene de Dios, y todo el que

knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent the only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in Jesus and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that God has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as God is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ama ha nacido de él y lo conoce. El que no ama no conoce a Dios, porque Dios es amor. Así manifestó Dios su amor entre nosotros: en que envió a su Hijo unigénito al mundo para que vivamos por medio de él. En esto consiste el amor: no en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que él nos amó y envió a su Hijo para que fuera ofrecido como sacrificio por el perdón de nuestros pecados. Queridos hermanos, ya que Dios nos ha amado así, también nosotros debemos amarnos los unos a los otros. Nadie ha visto jamás a Dios, pero, si nos amamos los unos a los otros, Dios permanece entre nosotros, y entre nosotros su amor se ha manifestado plenamente.

¿Cómo sabemos que permanecemos en él, y que él permanece en nosotros? Porque nos ha dado de su Espíritu. Y nosotros hemos visto y declaramos que el Padre envió a su Hijo para ser el Salvador del mundo. Si alguien reconoce que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios, Dios permanece en él, y él en Dios. Y nosotros hemos llegado a saber y creer que Dios nos ama.

Dios es amor. El que permanece en amor, permanece en Dios, y Dios en él. Ese amor se manifiesta plenamente entre nosotros para que en el día del juicio comparezcamos con toda confianza, porque en este mundo hemos vivido como vivió Jesús. En el amor no hay temor, sino que el amor perfecto echa fuera el temor. El que teme espera el castigo, así que no ha sido perfeccionado en el amor. Nosotros amamos porque él nos amó primero. Si alguien afirma: «Yo amo a Dios», pero odia a su hermano, es un mentiroso; pues el que no ama a su hermano, a quien ha visto, no puede amar a Dios, a quien no ha visto. Y él nos ha dado este mandamiento: el que ama a Dios, ame también a su hermano.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Gospel Acclamation

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He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

** May be sung in canon.*

Gospel Reading - John 15:1-8, adapted

The holy gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my God is the vinegrower. God removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. God is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

»Yo soy la vid verdadera, y mi Padre es el labrador. Toda rama que en mí no da fruto, la corta; pero toda rama que da fruto la poda para que dé más fruto todavía. Ustedes ya están limpios por la palabra que les he comunicado. Permanezcan en mí, y yo permaneceré en ustedes. Así como ninguna rama puede dar fruto por sí misma, sino que tiene que permanecer en la vid, así tampoco ustedes pueden dar fruto si no permanecen en mí.

»Yo soy la vid y ustedes son las ramas. El que permanece en mí, como yo en él, dará mucho fruto; separados de mí no pueden ustedes hacer nada. El que no permanece en mí es desechado y se seca, como las ramas que se recogen, se arrojan al fuego y se queman. Si permanecen en mí y mis palabras permanecen en ustedes, pidan lo que quieran, y se les concederá. Mi Padre es glorificado cuando ustedes dan mucho fruto y muestran así que son mis discípulos.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Sermon - Pastor Jen Nagel and All

I wonder... I notice...

Hymn of the Day - Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



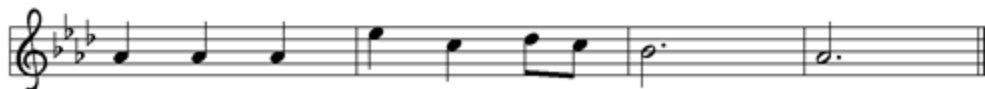
Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayers of the People

Sung response, to the tune "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Alleluia.**

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 in whatever way is comfortable, using these or similar words
"Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor"*

meal

Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Offerings can be sent electronically or by mail.
Information on the last page of the bulletin.

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:



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, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune. If you are 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 aren't with others, today, 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."

Music During Communion - Dona nobis pacem ("Grant us peace")

1 *Canon*

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2

Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3

Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Dona nobis pacem' in Canon form. It consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled '1 Canon' and the second and third are labeled '2' and '3' respectively. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.' for the first staff, and 'Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.' for the second and third staves. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

Text: Traditional
Music: DONA NOBIS PACEM, traditional

Table Blessing

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

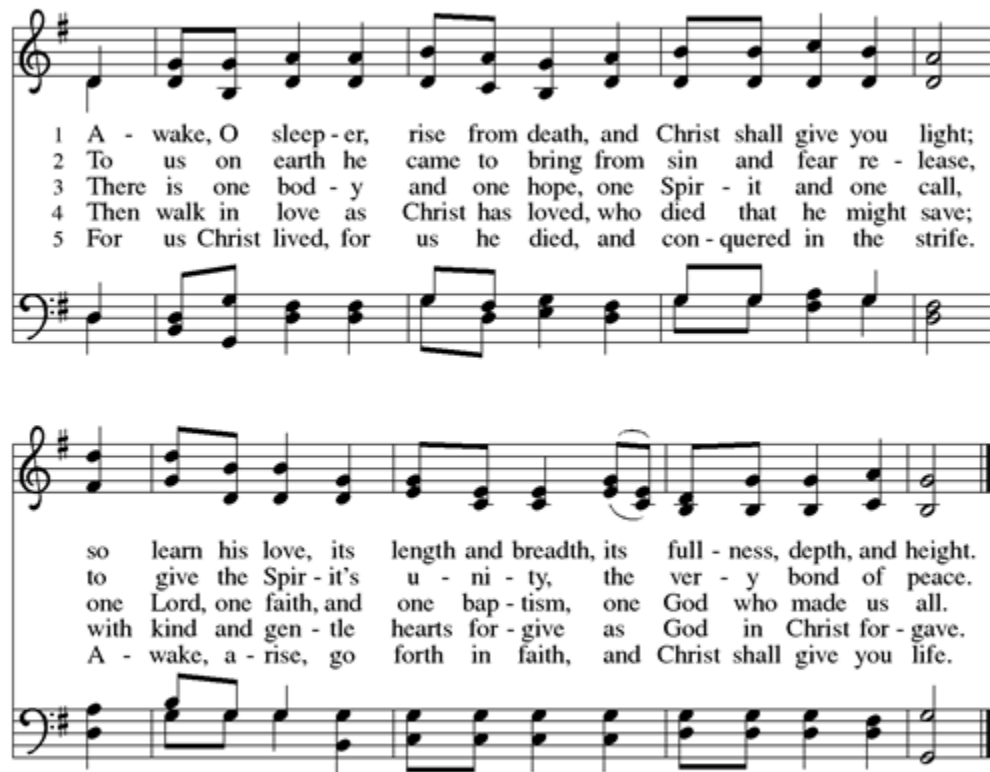
Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

sending

Announcements

Closing Hymn - Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains five lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829
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Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Creator, ☩ Christ, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share this good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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