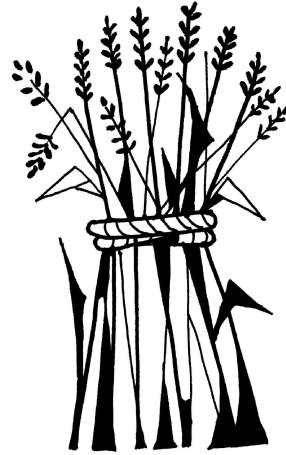


8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026
10:00 AM



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 worshiping 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

ULCHers Band

Welcome

+Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God. We remember together Jesus' call to us: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near! Let us pray:

Merciful God,

You plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun.

We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain.

We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be.

When we deprive others of that same opportunity, **forgive us.**

When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field, **forgive us.**

When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are, **forgive us.**

When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat, **forgive us.**

O God, you know inside and out, through and through.

You search us and lay your hand upon us.

You know what we are going to say even before we speak.

So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected,

The lonely and the outcast,

And to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

In the name of God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Sustainer, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

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**

Faithful God, you care for us with compassion and firmness, urging us to grow in love for you.
Through Christ, may we hear more deeply your call to be rooted in your way. **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Psalm 139:1-18 *The Lector reads the odd verses and **All** read the even verses*

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"

¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made.**

Wonderful are your works;

¹ SEÑOR, tú me examinas y me conoces.

² **Sabes cuándo me siento y cuándo me levanto;
aun a la distancia me lees el pensamiento.**

³ Mis trajines y descansos los conoces;
todos mis caminos te son familiares.

⁴ **No me llega aún la palabra a la lengua
cuando tú, SEÑOR, ya la sabes toda.**

⁵ Tu protección me envuelve por completo;
me cubres con la palma de tu mano.

⁶ **Conocimiento tan maravilloso rebasa mi com-
prensión; tan sublime es que no puedo entenderlo.**

⁷ ¿A dónde podría alejarme de tu Espíritu?
¿A dónde podría huir de tu presencia?

⁸ **Si subiera al cielo, allí estás tú; si tendiera mi lecho
en el fondo de los dominios de la muerte,
también estás allí.**

⁹ Si me elevara sobre las alas del alba,
o me estableciera en los extremos del mar,

¹⁰ **aun allí tu mano me guiaría,
¡me sostendría tu mano derecha!**

¹¹ Y si dijera: «Que me oculten las tinieblas;
que la luz se haga noche en torno mío».

¹² **Ni las tinieblas serían oscuras para ti
y aun la noche sería clara como el día.
¡Lo mismo son para ti las tinieblas que la luz!**

¹³ Tú creaste mis entrañas;
me formaste en el vientre de mi madre.

¹⁴ **¡Te alabo porque soy una creación admirable!
¡Tus obras son maravillosas**

that I know very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.**

**In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

y esto lo sé muy bien!

¹⁵Mis huesos no te fueron desconocidos cuando en lo más recóndito era yo formado, cuando en lo más profundo de la tierra era yo entretejido.

¹⁶**Tus ojos vieron mi cuerpo en gestación:
todo estaba ya escrito en tu libro;
todos mis días se estaban diseñando,
aunque no existía uno solo de ellos.**

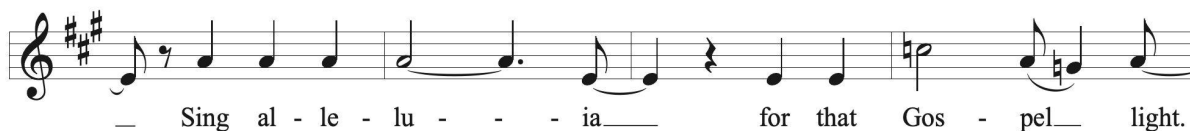
¹⁷¡Cuán preciosos, oh Dios, me son tus pensamientos!
¡Cuán inmensa es la suma de ellos!

¹⁸**Si me propusiera contarlos, sumarían más que los
granos de arena; al despertar, aún estaría contigo.**

+ Scripture Acclamation

Sing Alleluia

by Tim Gustafson (2024)



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+ Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who

Jesús contó otra parábola: «El reino de los cielos es como un hombre que sembró buena semilla en su campo. Pero

sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

mientras todos dormían, llegó su enemigo y sembró mala hierba entre el trigo y se fue. Cuando brotó el trigo y se formó la espiga, apareció también la mala hierba. Los siervos fueron al dueño y le dijeron: “Señor, ¿no sembró usted semilla buena en su campo? Entonces, ¿de dónde salió la mala hierba?”. “Esto es obra de un enemigo”, respondió. Le preguntaron los siervos: “¿Quiere usted que vayamos a arrancarla?”. “¡No! —contestó—, no sea que, al arrancar la mala hierba, arranquen con ella el trigo. Dejen que crezcan juntos hasta la cosecha. Entonces diré a los segadores: Recojan primero la mala hierba y átenla en manojos para quemarla; después recojan el trigo y guárdenlo en mi granero”».

Una vez que se despidió de la multitud, entró en la casa. Se acercaron sus discípulos y le pidieron: —Explícanos la parábola de la mala hierba del campo. —El que sembró la buena semilla es el Hijo del hombre —respondió Jesús—. El campo es el mundo y la buena semilla representa a los hijos del reino. La mala hierba son los hijos del maligno, y el enemigo que la siembra es el diablo. La cosecha es el fin del mundo, y los segadores son los ángeles. »Así como se recoge la mala hierba y se quema en el fuego, ocurrirá también al fin del mundo. El Hijo del hombre enviará a sus ángeles y arrancarán de su reino a todos los que pecan y hacen pecar. Los arrojarán al horno encendido, donde habrá llanto y crujir de dientes. Entonces los justos brillarán en el reino de su Padre como el sol. El que tenga oídos, que oiga.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Sermon - Pastor Amanda Simons

+ Hymn of the Day For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

+ 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

ULCHers Band

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.

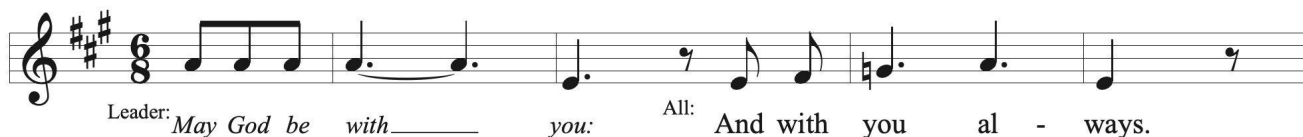
+ Offertory Prayer

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

May God Be With You

by Tim Gustafson (2024)



It is indeed...join their unending hymn:

+ Sanctus

by Tim Gustafson (2024)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of earth and
 sea and sun: Morn - ing and night, Pow - er and
 might are yours. Bless-ed is the One who
 comes in your name. Bless-ed is the One who comes in your name.
 Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.
 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.**

**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**

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.

nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y libranos 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 O God, Whose Word Well-Planted

ACS 975



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

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Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

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As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

+ 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

Neither Death nor Life

ELW622

All sing the Refrain, Cantor sings verses 4 & 5

+Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

+Dismissal

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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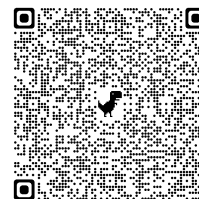
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Announcements

Bible & Brew - Monday, July 20th 6:30 - 8:00 pm

You're invited to join a welcoming group of Hope members at Lake Monster Brewery, located at 550 Vandalia Street in St. Paul, on Monday evenings for scripture study, conversation, and reflection. The group typically discusses the upcoming Sunday's readings, and all are welcome—whether you're a longtime participant or joining for the first time.

Look for a familiar Hope face when you arrive! If you have questions or would like to connect with someone before your first visit, please contact Uli Koester at kautzkoester@gmail.com.

Christmas in July Worship Service - next Sunday at 10:00

Bring your Christmas Spirit next Sunday to worship as we have a bit of jolly fun and hear the promises of our Emmanuel God through our special Christmas in July service. While we normally celebrate Christmas near the winter solstice, the promises of God-with-us are year-round, and we will rejoice together as we sing Christmas hymns and hear the Christmas story.

Save the Date - Upcoming Events

Save the date on your calendar for these upcoming events!

September 10 7:00 pm Hope Courtyard Concert featuring OBI

September 20 Neighborhood Hope Party with Re-Circulation Event and Oven-Baked Pizza (after worship)

October 10 North Star Sustainable Living Festival