

University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

August 18, 2019



Who We Are:

- We are a progressive congregation with a history of taking action on peace and justice concerns;
- We support people of all sexual orientations and gender identities;
- We are passionate about our worship, and we cherish our music;
- We are poised on a threshold ready and eager to creatively try new and innovative ways for mission and ministry in the University District.
- We do not know where this will lead us, but we trust with all our being that God is already there and is drawing us to join in the parade. We do so with excitement and joy because . .

We Choose Love! ✦

(Wording taken from ULC 2017 Ministry Site Profile)



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH during this Pentecost season as we remain open and receptive to how the Holy Spirit is moving in our lives to guide us in the way of truth, to give us the courage to live according to God's will, and to grant us the peace of knowing that we always are in the loving presence of a good and gracious God.

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE LORD'S TABLE to receive God's gift of forgiveness and the powerful freedom of a new life in Christ. Please come down the center aisle, proceed to the communion rail, and kneel or stand at the first open space. Hold out your hand to receive the bread. **Gluten-free wafers are available.** Please indicate your desire for a wafer at the time you are offered the bread. You may drink either from an individual glass, which will be served first, or from the chalice. The individual glasses in the center of the tray contain grape juice (golden color). The outside glasses contain red wine. An acolyte will pass by to pick up your individual glass. In the spirit of continuous communion, please return to your seat via the side aisles after you have drunk from the glass or chalice. After everyone has been served at the communion rail, the ministers will serve anyone in the pew that is unable to come forward. Please indicate your desire in this regard to the pastor. Parents who desire that their children not receive communion may bring them forward for a blessing.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE at worship today and your participation at Holy Communion by completing the enclosed Worship Registration form and placing it in the offering plate. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the lounge after the service.

THERE ARE BABY CHANGING TABLES available in both the men's & women's restrooms (across from the church office). There is also one in the Narthex.

THERE IS A CHILDREN'S AREA in the back of the sanctuary with quiet activities for young children. An adult must also be present when a child is there.

CHILD CARE is available in the Nursery for children of any age. Ask the usher for directions.

OUR PRAYERS are with Susan Cook on the death of her mother; Florence Cook, Mary Denny, Darlene Atik, Jan Orlando, and John Wott

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: *Isaiah 5:1-07; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.*

Prelude

Improvisation on “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Tune# 666

Welcome/Announcements

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Confession/Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
(Face the cross as it is carried forward)

#759

Greeting

P: The grace of our risen Savior, the boundless love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Praise Canticle



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together:

C: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

Am I a God nearby, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: The word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading (Lectern side – odd # verses; Organ Side even #)

Psalm 82

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?”**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’ ”

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson,

Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: The word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

Jesus said: "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The Gospel of the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

"Not Safe, But Good"

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn of the Day

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#631

Prayers of the People

A: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayers.

Exchange of Peace

P: The peace of God be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of nations now restrain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again

Remember, Lord, Thy works of old,
The wonders that Thy people told;
Remember not our sin's dark stain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust but Thee, O Lord?
Where rest but on Thy faithful word?
None ever called on Thee in vain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offertory Hymn

“We Place Upon Your Table, Lord”

#467

Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. At this, the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **C: Amen.**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **C: Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **C: Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.
O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

(Please be seated)

Communion Distribution

“Lamb of God”



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**“What Wondrous Love Is This”
“We Come to the Hungry Feast”**

**#666
#479**

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

A: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Liberator.

C: Amen.

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

#479

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated)

Postlude

Prelude in G Major

J. S. Bach

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher	Pastor Sue Schneider
Assisting Minister	Andy Kopser
Minister of Music	Brian Higham
Organist	Logan Hamilton
Acolytes	
Lectors	Clint & Maggie Pehrson
Children's Message	Stacy Crowner
Communion Assistants	Brad Anderson Theresa Lehan-Anderson Clint Pehrson Maggie Pehrson
Greeters	Phil & Sheryl Lundahl
Ushers	Mark Hillman Mary Hillman Merle Overland
Fellowship	Janice & Larry Gockel
Altar Guild	Dan & Stacy Crowner
Counters	Ruth Ann Rouse Jeff Berner
Courtesy Driver	Tom Swenson

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Worship in the sanctuary
 10:30 AM Fellowship in the lounge
 NO Adult Forum Today

THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST IS SANCTUARY ART CENTER. Since 1999 SAC has provided a quiet space for homeless and street involved young people to engage in programs of painting, drawing, ceramics, stained glass, sewing, fabric arts, theater arts, improvisational acting, guitar, piano, drums, visual storytelling, and screen printing. Through these various forms of media, their goal is to engage youth in a creative process and connect their guests to the community in which they live. If you would like to contribute to sac, you may do so by using a special offering envelope in the pew, making your check out to ULC, earmarking it for sac, and putting your gift in the offering plate, or bringing it to the church office. Thank you for your generous offering.

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF "THE SPIRIT" is Tuesday, August 20. Please consider sharing something of your summer travels/activities with the congregation.

WE WILL BE HAVING A VISIONING WORKSHOP on Saturday, September 14, 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This workshop will be led by Rev. Rick Rouse & Beth Lewis as they help us envision what the next 5 years will look like. Who do we want to be? What do you want to do? Everyone is encouraged to attend to listen, discuss and discern our next steps. The next day, Sunday September 15, we will have a discussion about the ideas brought forth, at the Adult Forum. This is just the first step in a 9 month process that Rev. Rouse and Ms. Lewis will walk through with us. **If you plan to attend, please sign up on the Worship Registration form.**

JOIN OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES for a fun night of hometown baseball with the Everett Aqua Sox, friends and making memories on Thursday, August 22 for Pride Night. Gates open at 6:05, with the first pitch at 7:05. Tickets are \$10. To reserve tickets, contact Open Door Ministries at odm.elca@gmail.com, or call Carolyn Johnson at 206-628-0946.

THE 10TH ANNUAL FOSS FARMERS MARKET will be on Saturday, August 24, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come to the Village Green at Foss Home & Village (N 143rd & 1st Ave NW) for fresh flowers, Entertainment by “Easy Company,” handmade crafts, BBQ lunch and ice cream, and fresh seasonal produce from local growers. You can even purchase a Farmers Market T-shirt! Come join the fun!

UP FOR A MARINER’S GAME? Maynard Atik has procured eight (8) tickets for the Mariner/Toronto Blue Jays for Sunday, August 25, 1:10 start time. The tickets are FREE! If you would like to use some of the tickets, please contact Maynard by either email (nycpresten@comcast.net) or text him at 425-361-9070. Go M’s!

THIS YEAR ULC WILL BE PARTICIPATING WITH THE REST OF THE ELCA IN “GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS” with a day of service. On Sunday, September 8, we will be cooking a lunch at Compass Broadview (147 N 132nd St), a Compass House Alliance location. This is a new facility and we are asking members to help with kitchen items for their community kitchen (mixing bowls, measuring cups & spoons, pans, etc), and with cooking a taco bar lunch on that day. (The kitchen supplies will stock their community kitchen and help with the UW cooking class that they will be having throughout the year.) We will be serving the lunch at 12:30 and are invited to eat with residents. **If you are interested in purchasing an item from their “wish list,” please let Mari in the church office know and she will forward the list to you. If you would like to help cook, please sign up on the Worship Registration form.**

ON SATURDAY, OCT. 5, ULC WILL HOST a District 4 City Council debate between Shaun Scott and Alex Pederson. This debate starts at 12:30 p.m. and is put on by the Seattle City Club. It will be moderated by a journalist from KCTS-9/Crosscut with additional questions by reporters with KING-5 and The Seattle Times. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. This is a free event but registration is strongly encouraged in order reserve a seat. To register go to www.eventbrite.com/e/seattle-city-council-district-4-debate-tickets-67295682197. **Volunteers**

are needed to check people in. If you interested in volunteering, please sign up on the Worship Registration form or contact Mari in the church office.

THE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES NW LUNCHEON is coming up on Sunday, October 13. It will be held at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Social Hour is 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. with the lunch and program at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. The lunch is free, and there will be a “ask” during the program. If you are interested in coordinating a table from ULC, please contact Mari in the church office.

ULC MEETINGS NEXT WEEK, August 19-23:

Thursday, August 22 – 1:00 p.m., Thursday Afternoon Maintenance Group, whole church

Friday, August 23 – 3:30 p.m., Quilters, Room 208

ATTENDANCE was 62 last Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE: **Altar Guild** – Kathy Lachata-Oakley, Frank & Sue Gregory; **Acolytes** –; **Asst. Minister** – Sue Tong; **Communion Assts.** – Daniel & Stacy Crowner, Darleen & Maynard Atik; **Children’s Message** – Janice Gockel; **Lectors** – Joan & Merle Overland; **Ushers** – Rick & Sharon Reuter, Michel & Ruth Ann Rouse; **Greeters** – Alice & Jack Peterson; **Fellowship Hour:** Clint & Maggie Pehrson; **Counters** –Larry Gockel & Katie Saltanovitz; **Courtesy Driver** – Scott Davies.

Sunday Schedule

Worship with Holy Communion:

9:30 AM

Fellowship: 10:30 AM

Education Hour: 11:00 AM

Child Care: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Outreach at ULC

Elizabeth Gregory Home – Sun - Fri
Sanctuary Art Center – 5 times weekly

Teen Feed – 3 times weekly

ULu Women's Shelter - Nightly

ULC Outreach in Seattle

Church Council of Greater Seattle

Compass Housing Alliance

Community Lunch at Central LC

Earth Ministry

Faith Action Network

Lutheran Campus Ministry - UW

Lutheran Community Services NW

Open Door Ministries

United Churches Emergency Fund

University District Foodbank

Young Adult Shelter (ROOTS)

WELCOME!

Welcome to University Lutheran Church! We welcome you into the life and ministry of this congregation, and pray that as you worship with us and become familiar with our people and our many activities, you will discover a place to belong and a way to participate in this corporate ministry of Jesus Christ.

ULC is a metropolitan congregation, committed to being a vital ministry in the University District and the world. We offer a variety of liturgies for worship in order to make a joyful noise unto God every Sunday.

As a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation**, we affirm the dignity and worth of people of all races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identity, social status, age, physical capability and economic condition. As a **Greening Congregation**, we strive to be faithful stewards of God's creation. As an **Advocating Congregation** we make our voices known to our governing authorities on behalf of those who are crying out for justice and peace.

Please join us after service in the lounge for coffee, goodies and fellowship!



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