University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America August 7, 2016



Our Mission:

- To live among God's faithful people;
- To hear God's Word through the Spirit and share in the Lord's Supper;
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus;
- To strive for justice and peace in all the earth. →



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

during this season of Pentecost when we celebrate the presence of Jesus' Spirit who calls and gathers us into community and sends us forth into the world as the presence of God's love, justice, and peace. At the conclusion of our worship service, we will include a **Celebration of Our Community.**Following the last hymn, the congregation will be seated, and people who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during this month of July, or any other award or milestone in their lives, will be invited to come forward for recognition and a supportive song of blessing.

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 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. 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. Children who commune at their home congregation are welcome to receive the elements. Please hold out your hand to let the minister know that you wish to receive communion. 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 in 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 CHILDREN'S BAG with bulletins and books available in the lounge and the narthex. They are hanging on the wall.

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

OUR PRAYERS are for our homebound, and for all those in need of healing in body or spirit.

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: *Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.*

Prelude

Arabesque No. 1Dwight Beckmeyer, piano

Claude Debussy

Welcome & Announcements

Service of Confession & Absolution

Confession

P: God, who is faithful and just, is not ashamed to be called our God and desires to be trusted by us so that we might receive all that God has to offer in terms of our salvation. One expression of this salvation is the gift of forgiveness which God promises to all who confess and repent of their sins. Trusting in this promise of God, we now make our confession.

(Time for silent confession)

- P: Gracious and merciful God,
- All: We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our entire being. We have not loved our neighbors as we have been loved by you. At times, we have put more trust in our treasures of this world than in you. We have been afraid for our security and the ability to provide for our longevity on this planet. At times, we have lost hope that your salvation would ever come. When everything seems to be going wrong in our lives, we have been reluctant to call you our God. Forgive us, and renew in us the conviction of your presence and your love.

Absolution

P: According to God's good pleasure, your sins are forgiven and you are free to pursue the treasures of heaven as they become evident here on earth in the form of love, compassion, justice, and peace. Let us continue our worship with a renewed sense of faith and trust in the deity that we call our God.

C: Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

(Face the cross as it is carried forward)



dan - do to - dos por lor llu - via acay the sun-shine, and soft re-fresh-ing rain. the breez - es and us, your chil-dren, you give our dai - ly bread. much more to what you most would trea - sure—our hum-ble, thank-ful hearts. but

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together:

C: God, we are pleased to call you our God and give you praise for all that you have prepared for our salvation. Grant to us your Spirit so that our faith may be strengthened and our trust in you might be deepened. Inspire us to be more faithful in our words and deeds as we follow in Jesus' way of inclusive love and everlasting peace. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson Genesis 15:1-6

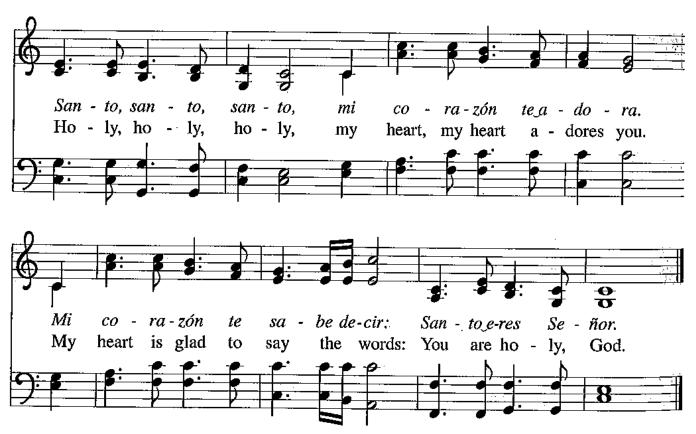
After these things the word of God came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus? You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of God came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." God brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then God said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And Abram believed God who reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Sing twice in Spanish)



Second Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered God to be faithful as God had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, God has prepared a city for them.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)
Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle"

Blue Hymnal #612

Gospel Luke 12:32-40

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Humanity is coming at an unexpected hour."

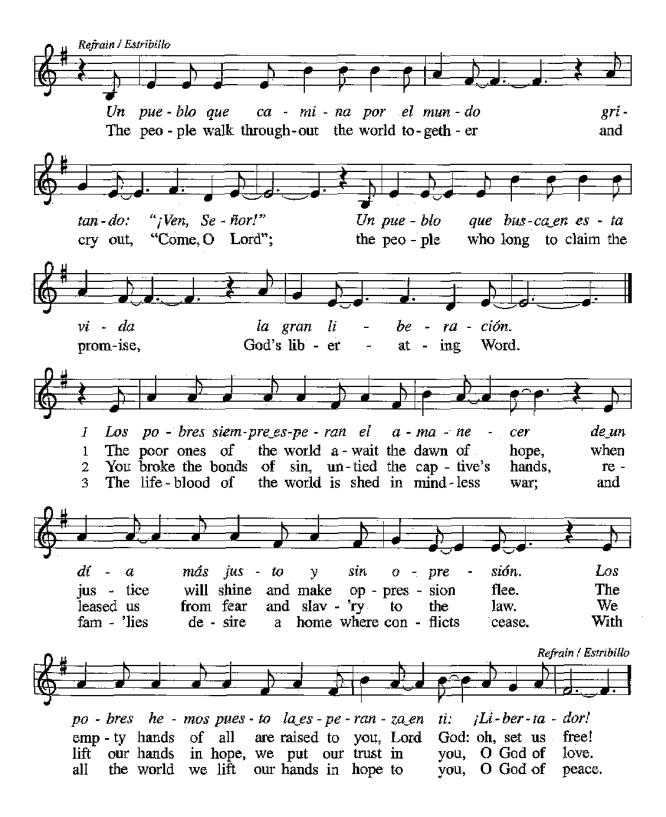
P: The Gospel of the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

"Destination Faith"

(Please stand)
Hymn of the Day

"The People Walk"



Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Giver of Life who created the heavens and the earth and all that exists, whose mercy is endless, and whose presence is eternal. We believe in God, who through Abraham and Sarah, promised to bless all peoples; who through Israel and Judah enacted the covenant of blessing and freedom; who through the prophets proclaimed God's way of justice and peace; and who through Jesus revealed God's grace and truth for all eternity.

We believe in Jesus who proclaimed the good news of God's realm and expanded God's promise of salvation to all people; who healed the sick, cast out demons, and raised people from the dead; who kept the Sabbath day holy, challenged the religious leaders to do the same, and suffered death on the cross on account of his faithfulness to God's law of love; and who was raised by God from the dead and paved the way for a new age of forgiveness and freedom.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who is the promise of new life, the source of our faith, and the one who calls and gathers us together in one communion; who dwells within and among us to be the witness of God's love in the world; who gives us the power to forgive others as we have been forgiven; and who makes our hearts yearn for God's justice and peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: God, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

Exchange of Peace

P: The peace of God be with you always.

C: And also with you.

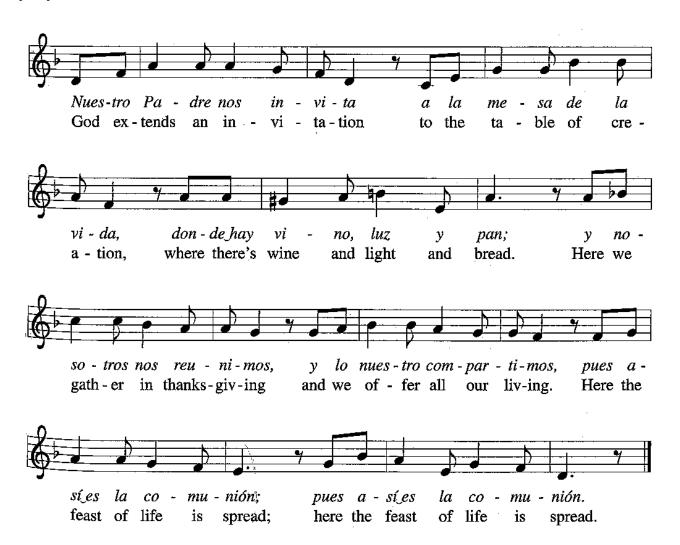
(Please be seated) Children's Message

Offering/Musical Offering

RêverieDwight Beckmeyer, piano

Claude Debussy

"God Extends the Invitation"



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C:Gracious and generous God, you have given us the treasures of your realm in terms of life, health, family, community, and the resources for living in this world. In gratitude, we offer to you these earthly treasures that are meant for the ministries of this congregation and the good of our community. As we receive this bread and fruit of the vine, bless us so that we may be cleansed of our sins and be reckoned as righteousness in your sight. We pray in the beloved name of Jesus. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of the church. In the Lord's Supper we partake of the body and blood of God's Son Jesus. The body and blood of Jesus are given in, with, and under the bread and the wine. God sent Jesus into the world to save us from our sinfulness.

In his life Jesus proclaimed in word and deed God's love for sinful human beings. In his death on the cross Jesus bore the full weight of our sinfulness. By raising Jesus from the dead, God affirmed that sin and death are not the final word for our lives and filled us with the hope of sharing in a new and glorious resurrected life with Jesus.

The meal we are about to share is a foretaste of this new life to come. It was instituted by Jesus on the night before he was crucified. Jesus and his disciples were eating together for the final time. Toward the end of this meal 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."

Then 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."

As the children of God we have been invited to partake of the body and blood of Jesus our Lord and Savior. When we faithfully eat this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and receive the gift of the forgiveness of sins.

May this gift inspire us to reach out in love toward all God's children and fill us with the hope of new life with Jesus and with one another in the family of God.

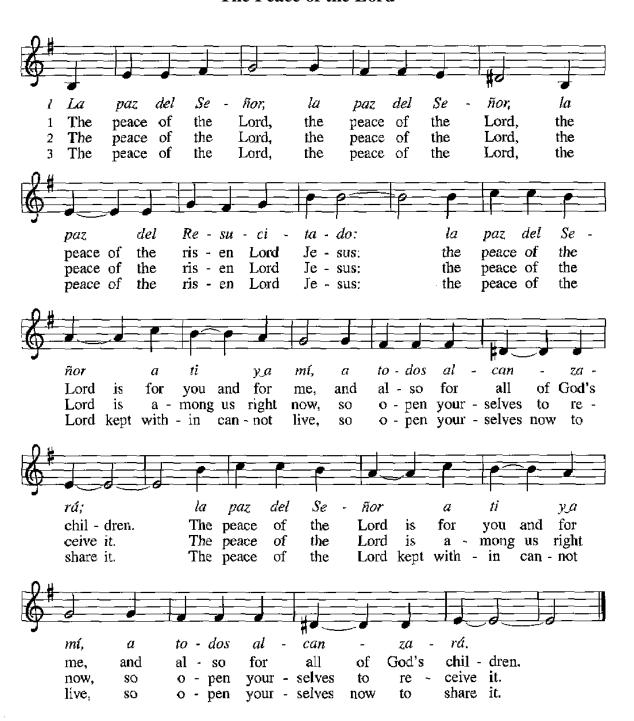
Let us join now together in praying as Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

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.

"United at the Table"



"The Peace of the Lord"



"Grains of Wheat"

Blue Hymnal #708

(Please stand)

Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of Jesus, our Christ, strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and fill us with the conviction that we are saved for all eternity by the grace of God.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Hymn "The Lord Sends Us Forth"



Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of righteousness and peace, we give you thanks for this gift of life and freedom and for making us right with you through this gift of forgiveness. Prepare us for the days ahead so that we will be ready to respond when faced with those who are hungry or homeless, sick or imprisoned, in pain or in grief. Be ever present with us in our challenge to be faithful witnesses to your love and your peace. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Prince of Peace. Amen.

Benediction

(Please be seated)
Celebration of Community



May the bles-sing of God be up - on you; May God's peace a-bide in you; May God's



pre-sence il - lu-mi-nate your life, Now and for-ev-er - more.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Be faithful in all good deeds.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

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	Larry Gockel		
	Liz Herlevi		
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Service of Holy Communion in the sanctuary

10:30 AM Fellowship Hour in the lounge

11:00 AM Quilters in Room 208

THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST IS SANCTUARY ART CENTER. SAC was established in 1999 through the vision of Deacon Mary Shehane and Al Roehl of ULC, who saw an opportunity to connect with disenfranchised youth in a positive and meaningful way. SAC provides several art mediums in which youth can express themselves – painting, drawing, ceramics, stained galls, sewing, fabric arts, theater arts, improvisational acting, guitar, drums, piano and screen printing. If you would like to contribute to Mental Health Chaplaincy, you may do so by using a special offering envelope in the pew, making your check out to ULC, earmarking it for MHC, and putting your gift in the offering plate, or bringing it to the church office. Thank you for your generous offering.

IN TWO WEEKS OUR YOUTH will be leaving for Wenatchee on their summer service trip. They will leave from the church the morning of Friday, August 19 and stop in Leavenworth for the afternoon, then meet up with their hosts in East Wenatchee for a weekend of building relationships with and serving alongside the local Latino community. The youth are being hosted by Rev. Misael Fajardo-Perez who pastors a new Lutheran mission-start in the area, and chaperoned by Sam Rennebohm and Hattie Branch.

THE SEPTEMBER SPIRIT will be going out August 22 so if you have any articles you would like to include in that issue, please have them to the church office by **Monday, August 15.** Also, we are still looking for items for the "Open Link" column. Please share with the congregation if you had a trip this summer, family in town, milestones achieved (anniversaries of any sort, new family members, etc.) We are looking for joys to share with each other. Don't be shy!

THE IDRISS MOSQUE (1420 NE Northgate Way) is extending an invitation to all its neighbors in NE Seattle to attend their 15th Annual BBQ on Sunday, August 14, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. The BBQ is hosted by the Islamic Center of Washington in outreach efforts to the North Seattle and surrounding communities as they open their doors and extend their "hands in friendship for opportunity to get to know other, and together develop compassion and tolerance for our differences, strengthen our interfaith relationships and promote harmony to work together for peace, reconciliation and justice on this one day as we eat, share, and learn from each other."

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE: Altar Guild –Margoan Hunter & Hattie Branch; Acolytes –Gabe Pehrson & James Ginger; Asst. Minister – Emily Anderson; Children's Sermon –Ann Berner; Communion Assts. – Daniel & Stacy Crowner, Nona Taylor & Mary Jane Golden; Lectors – Kristi Maschhoff & Theresa Lehan-Anderson; Ushers – Linda Maschhoff, Jan Orlando & Lars Jenner; Greeters – Aslaug Haraldsdottir & Theresa Lehan-Anderson; Fellowship Hour: Van Ginger, Larry & Janice Gockel; Counters – Twig Mills & Craig Perkins; Courtesy Driver – Scott Davies.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday (8/8/16)	9:00 AM	Monday Morning Maintenance	Whole Church
	1:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Pastor's office
	6:00 PM	Justice & Peace Committee	Library
	7:00 PM	Teen Feed	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday (8/9/16)	6:00 AM	NCBC Prayer Meeting	Rm B6/8
	9:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center – Drop In	Rm 205
	12:00 PM	Women Coming Home AA Group	Chapel
	12:30 PM	Sanctuary Art Center – Bridge Prog.	Rm 205
Wednesday	6:00 AM	NCBC Prayer Meeting	Rm B6/8
(8/10/16)	11:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center – Zine Prog.	Rm 205
	8:00 PM	NCBC Korean Prayer Mtg	Rm B6/8
Thursday (8/11/16)	6:00 AM	NCBC Prayer Meeting	Rm B6/8
	9:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center – Drop In	Rm 205
	12:00 PM	Women Coming Home AA Group	Rm 200
	6:45 PM	Partnership for Youth Justice	Library
	7:00 PM	Worship & Arts Committee	Sue Tong's home
Friday (8/12/16)	9:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center – Drop In	Rm 208
	12:30 PM	Sanctuary Art Center – Music Aloud	Rm 205
	3:30 PM	Quilters	Rm 208
	6:00 AM	NCBC Prayer Meeting	Rm B6/8
	6:00 PM	Teen Feed	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 PM	NCBC English Bible Study	Rm B6/8
Saturday (8/13/16)	6:45 AM	Serve breakfast at ROOTS	U Temple
	8:30 AM	NCBC Prayer & Small Group	Rm B6/8
	10:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center – Drop In	Rm 205
Sunday (8/14/16)	9:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time	Lounge
	11:30 PM	NCBC English Worship	Rm B6/B8 & Nursery
	1:00 PM	NCBC Korean Worship	Sanctuary & Nursery
	2:00 PM	NCBC Korean Fellowship Meal	Lounge
	7:00 PM	Teen Feed	Fellowship Hall
	8:00 PM	NA Group	Chapel

Sunday Schedule

Worship with Holy Communion: 9:30 AM

Fellowship: 10:30 AM

Christian Education: 11:00 AM

Adult ForumSunday School

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

Outreach at ULC

Elizabeth Gregory Home – Daily Sanctuary Art Center – 5 times weekly Teen Feed – 2 times weekly ULu Women's Shelter - Daily

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
University Churches Emergency Fund
University District Foodbank
Young Adult Shelter (ROOTS)

Our Congregation

As a metropolitan congregation, University Lutheran Church is committed to be a vital ministry in the University District of Seattle as well as throughout the world. We offer a variety of liturgies for worship throughout the church year and challenge our members to sing new songs and 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, and invite all to worship with us and participate in Holy Communion. We belong to the **University District Ecumenical Parish**, and celebrate the diversity of expressions of faith in our community.

We also are a **Greening Congregation**, and 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.

We welcome you into the life and ministry of this congregation, and pray that as you worship with us and become familiar with us, you will discover a place to belong and a way to participate in this corporate ministry of Jesus Christ. +

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