

University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

December 30, 2018



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 Christmas season. We are using a liturgy of Christmas carols as the framework for our worship service. Drawing upon the lessons of today, we rejoice in the God who clothes us with garments of salvation and robes of righteousness so that we will proclaim the good news of God's love and salvation.

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 (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 the Lord's Supper 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.

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

OUR PRAYERS are with those living in fear or sorrow, those who are lonely, those that are unheard and anxious and for our members who are in need of strength and prayer.

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.*

Prelude

Improvisation on “Houston”

#815

Welcome and Announcements

Service of Holy Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

#275

(Face the cross as it is carried forward)

v. 1-3

Call to Worship

P: O come all ye faithful, and celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

C: Joy to the world, our Savior reigns!

P: O come all ye faithful, and give thanks to God in the highest.

C: Joy to the world, our Savior reigns!

P: O come all ye faithful, and let all together praise our God.

C: Joy to the world, our Savior reigns!

P: O come all ye faithful, and join with the heavenly chorus.

C: Joy to the world, our Savior reigns!

P: O come all ye faithful, and repeat the sounding joy.

C: Joy to the world, our Savior reigns! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

#288

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of grace, you have filled us with the new light of the world who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O God, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "The One who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For God has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of God, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn

“Holy Child Within the Manger”

Capo 1 (D) E^b (G) A^b (D) E^b

1 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a -
 2 Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— how your
 3 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us

(Bm) Cm (Em⁷) Fm⁷ (A) B^b (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm

go yet ev - er near; come as friend to ev - 'ry
 love for us was shown, when the im - age of your
 ev - er in your way, so we see in ev - 'ry

(A) (Bm) (Em⁷) (A⁷) (D)
 B^b Cm Fm⁷ B^b⁷ E^b

stran - ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.
 glo - ry wore an im - age like our own.
 stran - ger how you come to us to - day.

(Bm) (G) (D) (A) (D)
 Cm A^b E^b B^b E^b

As you lived to heal the bro - ken, greet the
 Come, en - light - en with your wis - dom, come and
 In our lives and in our liv - ing give us

(G) (D) (A) (F[#]7) (Bm) (A)
 A^b E^b B^b G⁷ Cm B^b

out - cast, free the bound, as you taught us love un -
 fill us with your grace. May the fire of your com -
 strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for -

(G) (D) (Em⁷) (A⁷) (D)
 A^b E^b Fm⁷ B^b⁷ E^b

spo - ken, teach us now where you are found.
 pas - sion kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.
 giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before God in love. God destined us for adoption as God’s own children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God’s will, to the praise of God’s glorious grace freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Jesus we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of God’s will, according to God’s good pleasure set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to God’s counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of Christ’s glory. In Christ you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in Christ, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of God’s glory.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation

“Glory Be To You”

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system, both in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is marked with a dynamic of *p* (piano) and contains two phrases: 'A' and 'B'. The second staff contains two phrases: 'C' and 'D'. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne. Glo - ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ.' The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the staff.

Gospel

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who

received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

“The Word on the Street”

(Please stand)

Hymn of the Day

“Love Has Come”

#292

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that Jesus Christ, who was in a divine state, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking on the condition of a servant and being born in human likeness. Becoming as humans are, Jesus humbled himself and accepted death on a cross in obedience to God. Therefore, God highly exalted him and gave Jesus the name that is above every name in heaven, on earth and under the earth, so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ in the Lord and Savior of all creation. Amen.

(Taken from Philippians 2:6-11 – an early Christian profession of faith)

Prayers of the People

A: Lord, 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*

“He Reigns Emmanuel”

Rich Hinrichsen

Sue Tong, Soprano; Rich Hinrichsen, Baritone
Judson Scott & Peter Nelson-King – Trumpets
Mason Fagan – Double Bass

*See Insert
Cong. sing v. 3*

(Please stand)

Offertory Hymn

“From Heaven Above”

**#268
v. 1-3, 8**

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Gracious and merciful God, you created a world of delight where justice and peace would reign and no one would hurt or destroy another creature or any part of your creation. However, we human beings have brought sin into this world and given cause for pain, lamentation, grief and despair. You sent prophets to call us to repentance and offer us a vision of hope in which everyone would be relieved of their distress. In this way, you also sent Jesus to proclaim the good news of your realm and demonstrate your way of peace.

As one expression of this revelation, Jesus took bread, 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.

In the same way, Jesus 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 the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we rejoice in this gift of grace and anticipate the day when everyone will be reconciled with one another and we all will live together in peace.

Send your Spirit upon us and upon this holy meal that we share this day, so that we may be filled with your love and compassion and be renewed in our commitment to pursue your way of peace as revealed in Jesus Christ, through whom all glory and honor are yours, both 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

“Away in a Manger”	#277
“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”	#295
	v. 1-4
“Cold December Flies Away”	#299

(Please stand)

Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Emmanuel, God-with-us, strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

<i>Post Communion Hymn</i>	“Let Our Gladness Have No End”	#291
		v. 1 & 4

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

<i>Closing Hymn</i>	“Go Tell It on the Mountain”	#290
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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Be a light of love, peace & justice to all people

C: Thanks be to God forever and ever.

Postlude

“Holy Child within the Manger”
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Worship Attendants

Preacher	Pastor Sue Schneider
Assisting Minister	Janice Gockel
Minister of Music	Brian Higham
Organist	Logan Hamilton
Acolytes	Natalie Crowner Cara Crowner
Communion Assistants	Darleen Atik Maggie Pehrson Clint Pehrson Liz Herlevi
Lectors	Brad Anderson Theresa Lehan-Anderson
Children's Message	Stacy Crowner
Greeters	Larry Gockel
Ushers	Rick Reuter Sharon Reuter Michael Rouse Ruth Ann Rouse
Fellowship	Sue & Frank Gregory
Altar Guild	Daniel & Stacy Crowner
Counters	Twig Mills John Gienapp
Courtesy Driver	Gary Marshall

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Service of Holy Communion
 10:30 AM Fellowship in the lounge

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY offerings to be counted in 2018. Anything received after today will be counted for 2019. Thank you.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL WALK WITH THE MAGI on Sunday, January 6, 2019. We will meet in the lounge following our 9:30 a.m. worship service to follow the star around the block and see who we may run into. This event is open to everyone, and we especially would like to encourage all children to join us! Our Wise Men will lead us on a journey to find the baby Jesus (as well as some goodies for the children)! There will be a lunch in the fellowship hall after our walk as well and a piñata to crack open. If you would like to participate as a shepherd, wise man/woman or Roman soldier, please contact Kathy Lachata-Oakley at 206-618-3651. Come and join the celebration!

THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR DECEMBER is ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Over 850 million people (that's 1 in 8 in our world today) – are hungry. As disciples of Christ, we are called to respond to this need. Working with and through congregations in the US, Lutheran churches around the world and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned in nearly 60 countries to reach communities in need. Your contribution helps fund health clinics, microloans, water wells, community meals and advocacy in supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Please make your check out to ULC and earmark it World Hunger. You may use one of the special ELCA envelopes in the pew and put it in the offering, or bring it into the church office. Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A NEW CREATION! With the arrival of Pastor Sue, we are living in a new day at University Lutheran. It's time to recreate our life and mission for the future. Please plan on participating in the shared dreaming and planning for this New Creation early in 2019. We begin on **Saturday, March 2**. This planning session is open to all members and friends of University Lutheran. It will begin with registration and **breakfast treats at 8:00**. The meeting starts promptly at 8:30 am and ends at 12:30 pm. Mark your calendars, and let the visioning and dreaming begin!

CHURCH MISSION REQUIRES INCREASED GIVING. At the ULC congregational budget meeting on Dec. 9, the members present voted unanimously for an operating budget that provides just compensation for staff, provides for property maintenance and program needs, and continues benevolence to the synod and many ministry partners. This budget also forecasts an operating deficit for 2019 of over \$42,000 not including depreciation. While rental income has been renegotiated with ULC's onsite ministry partners, contributions of ULC members and friends remain by far the primary source of income for the church. Funding an operating deficit from ULC's limited reserve funds means less is available for major expenditures such as property remodels and updates. Consequently, the church council is asking every member to increase ULC income by reviewing their current level of giving and adding to their stewardship pledge to fund church activities in 2019. Members need to increase personal giving to the operating budget to cover routine expenses to avoid depleting the church's limited reserves. **You can pick up a green ADD TO YOUR PLEDGE** form in the office or on the table by the name tags. Please return these to Rick Reuter or the church office no later than January 6. Thank you for giving this request your careful consideration. Any questions, contact Council Vice-President Mary Denny, or any other council member.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed December 31 & January 1, 2019. If you need pastoral care during that time, you can reach Pastor Sue at 773-559-5204. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2.

ULC MEETINGS NEXT WEEK, December 31 – January 5:

Monday, December 31 – OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 1 – OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, January 3 – 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal, Room B7

Friday, January 4 – 3:30 p.m., Quilters, Room 208

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE: **Altar Guild** – Linda Maschhoff & Nona Taylor; **Acolytes** – Aaron Maschhoff & Jiali Maschhoff; **Asst. Minister** – Andy Kopser; **Children's Message:** Maggie Pehrson; **Communion Assts.** – Stacy & Daniel Crowner, Merle Overland; **Lectors** – Bob & Yolanda Houze; **Ushers** – Aslaug Haraldsdottir, Mary & Mark Hillman; **Greeters** – Jan Orlando; **Fellowship Hour:** Janice & Larry Gockel; **Counters** – Mary Hillman & Katie Saltanovitz; **Courtesy Driver** – Tom Swenson.