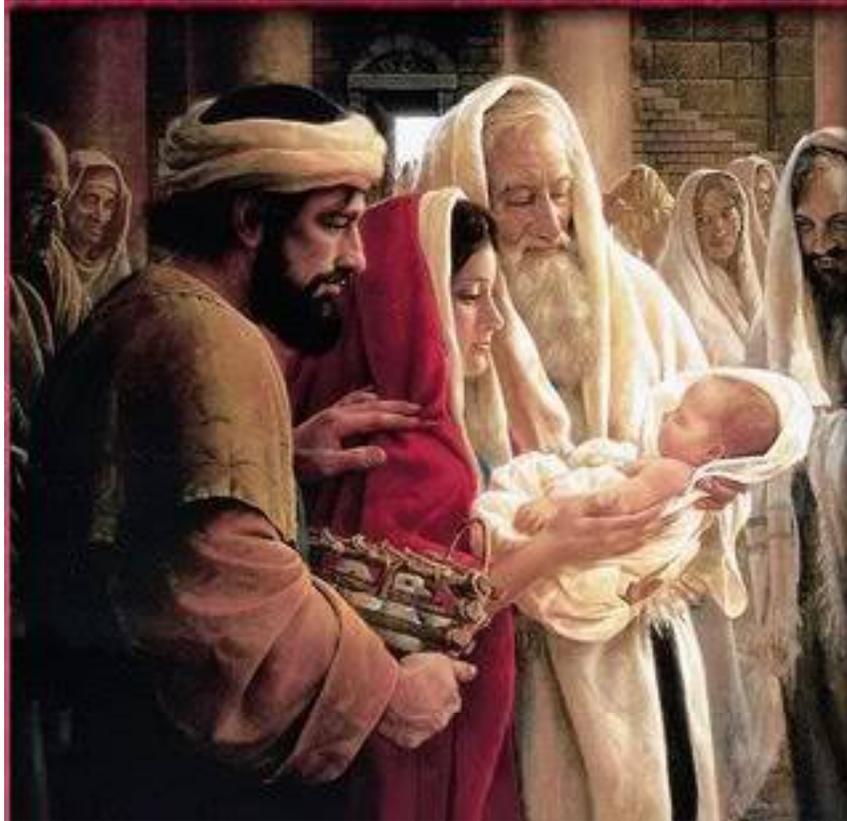


University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

December 31, 2017



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 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

**“Now is born the divine Christ Child”
“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

arr. Fred Bock

Welcome and Announcements

Service of Holy Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn

“The First Noel”

Green Hymnal #56

(Face the cross as it is carried forward)

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

“Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn”

Green Hymnal #43

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of our righteousness and salvation, you have blessed us with the opportunity to see and hear the gift of your love in Jesus once more during this Christmas season. Rest your Spirit upon us so that we will receive the inspiration and motivation to live in the hope of your justice and peace in all the earth. As we dwell in the vision of Simeon and Anna, fill us with the faith and courage to do your will and be the crown of beauty in your creation. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in God, my whole being shall exult in my God; for God has clothed me with the garments of salvation, and has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of God will give. You shall be a crown of beauty, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Hymn

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Green Hymnal #44

Second Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent the Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation

“Gloria Be To You”

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one flat) and common time. The first staff contains measures A and B. Measure A starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic and contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne." The second staff contains measures C and D. Measure C continues the lyrics: "Glo - ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ." Measure D repeats the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne." and "Glo - ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. Dynamics include a piano (*p*) marking at the start of measure A.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to God (as it is written in the law of God "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to God"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of God, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen God's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of God, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The gospel of the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

“Quality Time”

Galatians 4:4-7



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



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

“Gesù Bambino”

Pietro Yon

Rich Hinrichsen, baritone

Kirsten G. James, flutist

When blossoms flowered ‘mid the snows
Upon a winter night
Was born the child, the Christmas Rose,
The King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the starts Their exultation voiced.

Refrain: O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

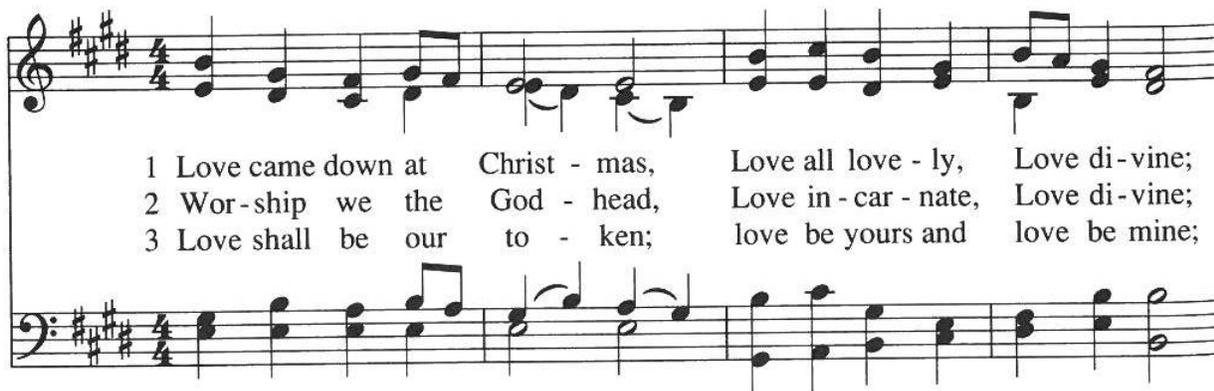
Again the heart with rapture glows
To greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,
Its King of Love and Light.

Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name,
The grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came
That we with Him might dwell. *Refrain*

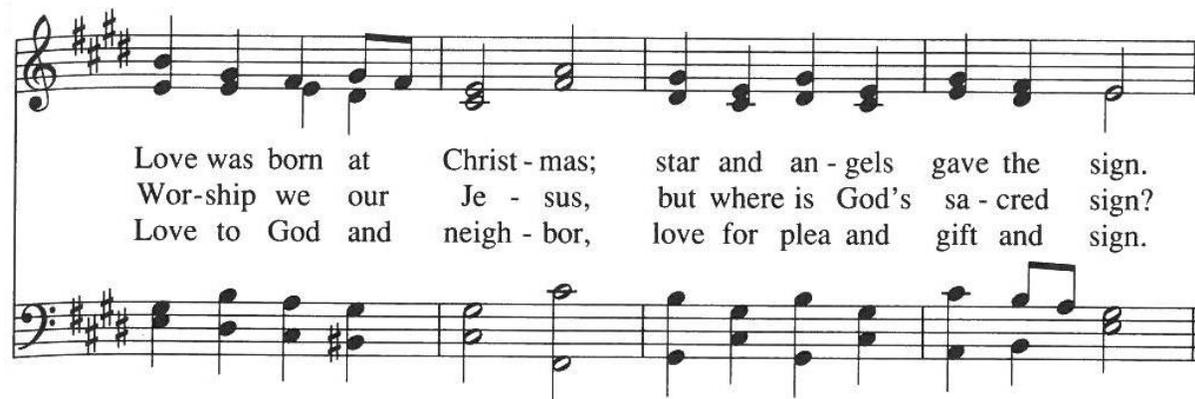
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Offertory Hymn

“Love Came Down at Christmas”



1 Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly, Love di - vine;
2 Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate, Love di - vine;
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine;



Love was born at Christ - mas; star and an - gels gave the sign.
Wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where is God's sa - cred sign?
Love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of our delight, we give you thanks for all that you provided to sustain us in this life. In grateful response, we offer to you these gifts of our labor for the proclamation of good news, the service of good deeds, and the common good of all people. Bless this bread and fruit of the vine that they may nourish our faith and encourage our faithfulness to follow in the way of Jesus, our Christ, in whose 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

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Green Hymnal #42

(vv. 1-4)

“The Bells of Christmas”

Green Hymnal #62

(vv. 1-4)

“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

Green Hymnal #52

(Please stand)

Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of Jesus, our Christ, make us holy unto salvation and complete in every good deed.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Hymn

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Green Hymnal #55

(verse 3)

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: Gracious and merciful God, we give you thanks for this gift of salvation that makes us inheritors of your eternal grace. Dismiss us now as your servants of peace according to your word so that we may be a light for the revelation of your love to all nations and all peoples. Instill in us your Spirit so that we may be a crown of beauty and a royal diadem as we give glory to you in all that we say and do. We pray in the humble, but bold name of Jesus. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Love Has Come”



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the
 you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Be a light of love, peace & justice to all people
 C: **Thanks be to God forever and ever.**

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Jan Sanborn

“Gloria Be To You”

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Counters	Katie Saltanovitz Linda Mohl
Courtesy Driver	Samantha De Abreu

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 2017. Anything received after today will be counted for 2018. Thank you.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL WALK WITH THE MAGI on Sunday, January 7, 2018. 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. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL PRESENTATION OF THE CONCEPTUAL PLANS for redevelopment of University Temple's buildings will take place on Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. at University Temple. The design team will be making their first design presentation to the members of University Temple and University Lutheran Churches. The presentation will include conceptual plans for renovation of the 1927 Sanctuary and high-rise redevelopment of the Education Wing. Small group meetings will be formed to allow members a chance to discuss the co-location with University Temple in late January and early February. If you are willing to open your home to a small group, please contact Sue Tong.

GOOD FOR A CHANGE REFUGEE WELCOME GIFT ASSEMBLY will happen here at ULC on Thursday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m. We will join with new friends from the neighborhood making cards and gift baskets for refugees as part of the Good for a Change Week of Action. All ages are welcome. Come contribute your time and/or bring a donation. For more information, visit <http://events.goodforachange.org/refugees>. (Good for a Change is an organization started by Jeff Shulman as a way to make a positive difference in our community in the midst of divisions.)

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow, January 1, 2018. If you need pastoral care during that time, you can reach Pastor Tim at 206-769-1938. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE: **Altar Guild** – Daniel & Stacy Crowner; **Acolytes** – Aaron Maschhoff & Jiali Maschhoff; **Asst. Minister** – Sue Tong; **Communion Assts.** – Liz Herlevi, Kris Rogness & Darleen Atik; **Lectors** – Dustin Wunderlich & Linda Mohl; **Ushers** – Aslaug Haraldsdottir, Lisa Johnson & Laura Koetke; **Greeters** – Shane Maskalick & Norma Beerweiler; **Fellowship Hour:** Mark & Mary Hillman; **Counters** – Ray & Ruth Munger; **Courtesy Driver** – Tom Swenson.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday (1/1/18)		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	7:00 PM	Teen Feed	Fellowship Hall
	8:30 PM	ULu WHEEL Shelter	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday (1/2/18)	9:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center – Drop In	Rm 205
	11:00 AM	English in Action	Rm 200
	12:00 PM	Women Coming Home AA Group	Chapel
	6:00 PM	ULu WHEEL Shelter	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday (1/3/18)	6:00 PM	ULu WHEEL Shelter	Fellowship Hall
	8:00 PM	NCBC Prayer Mtg	Rm Chapel
Thursday (1/4/18)	9:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center – Drop In	Rm 205
	12:00 PM	Women Coming Home AA Group	Rm 200
	6:00 PM	ULu WHEEL Shelter	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Rm B7
Friday (1/5/18)	9:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center – Drop In	Rm 208
	12:30 PM	SAC Training	Chapel
	1:00 PM	SAC Storytelling Internship	Rm 205
	3:30 PM	Quilters	Rm 208
	6:00 PM	Teen Feed	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 PM	NCBC Bible Study	Rm 201
	8:30 PM	ULu WHEEL Shelter	Fellowship Hall
Saturday (1/6/18)		ULu WHEEL Shelter All Day	
	6:45 AM	Serve breakfast at ROOTS	U Temple
	6:00 PM	U-Dist AA Mtg	Lounge
	7:30 PM	NCBC Praise Band Practice	Chapel
Sunday (1/7/18)	9:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship	Lounge
	11:00 AM	Walk with the Magi	Around the building
	11:00 AM	Quilters	Rm 208
	12:30 PM	NCBC Worship	Chapel & Nursery
	2:00 PM	NCBC Fellowship Meal	Lounge
	6:00 PM	Teen Feed	Fellowship Hall
	8:00 PM	NA Group	Room 200
8:30 PM	ULu WHEEL Shelter	Fellowship Hall	

Sunday Schedule

Worship with Holy Communion:

9:30 AM

Fellowship: 10:30 AM

Christian Education: 11:00 AM

- Adult Forum
- Sunday 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)

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 goodies and fellowship!

206-525-7074

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Monday thru Thursday

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



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