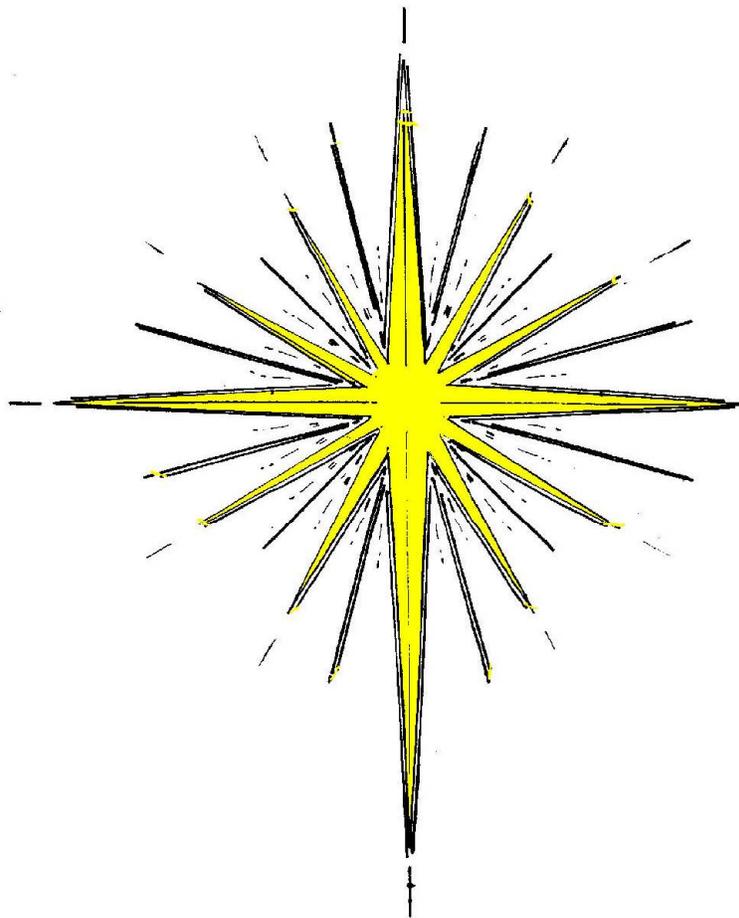


# University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

December 25, 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** on this Christmas Day. As we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus, we join with the multitude of heavenly host and give glory to God for the salvation that God has made available to all the world.

**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 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 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 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 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23.*

*Prelude*

*Welcome and Announcements*

**Service of Holy Communion**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

*Opening Hymn*

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

*Green Hymnal #55*

(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”**

*Green Hymnal #43*

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray together:

**C: God of goodness and loving kindness, you have revealed to us the good news of your reign through Jesus Christ our Savior. As we listen to the story of Jesus’ birth once again, give us the faith of Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds who heard the call of your messengers and welcomed the presence of Jesus into their lives. Grant us your Spirit so that we can become messengers of your salvation to all the earth. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

*First Lesson*

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of our God to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for God has comforted all of us and has redeemed Jerusalem. The holy arm of God has been bared before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

L: The word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Psalm Hymn*

**“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

*Green Hymnal #44*

*Second Lesson*

*Titus 3:4-7*

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God’s mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. God poured out this Spirit on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by God’s grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

L: The word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

*Gospel Acclamation*

**“Gloria”**

**Canon**

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel*

*John 1:1-14*

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.

P: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon**

*(Please stand)*

**Hymn of the Day**

**“Angels from the Realm of Glory”**

**Green Hymnal #50**

**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 is the Lord and Savior of all creation. Amen.**

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

**Prayers of the People**

**Exchange of Peace**

P: The peace of God be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Offering/**

**Musical Offering**

**“Oh Holy Night”**

Rich Hinrichsen,  
Baritone

**Music: Adolphe Adam**  
**Words: John Sullivan Dwight**

(Please stand)  
Offertory 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!

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: God our Savior, out of your goodness and loving kindness, you have provided us with what we need to be sustained in this life. In response, we express our love and demonstrate our goodness by offering to you these fruits of our labor. By your grace, may they be used for the edification of your church and the reconciliation of all people. Bless this bread and fruit of the vine, that we may be given a reason to glorify and praise you for all that we have received this day. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

### ***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 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 is 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***

**“The First Noel”  
“Lo, How a Rose is Growing”  
“When Christmas Morn is Dawning”**

***Green Hymnal #56  
Green Hymnal #58  
Green Hymnal #59***

*(Please stand)*

***Communion Blessing***

P: May the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Savior liberate us from all that holds us in bondage and save us by God's grace for the renewal of our lives and the eternal hope of our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

***Post Communion Prayer***

A: Let us pray together:

**C: God, our Savior and Redeemer, we give you thanks for this gift of life and salvation. Through this holy meal, grant to us the renewal of your Holy Spirit which you have breathed into us at creation and poured out upon us at our baptism. Fill us with the love and joy present in Jesus Christ, our Savior, and grace us with the faith and courage to pursue the things that make for peace in this world. We pray in the name of our Prince of Peace. Amen.**

***Benediction***

P: Go forth into all the world to share the joy of Jesus' birth and spread the good news of God's reign when those who are impoverished will receive good tidings of great joy, those who are oppressed or held captive will be released, those who are blind will see the truth, and those who are brokenhearted will be comforted. God's peace be with you.

**C: Amen.**

***Closing Hymn***

**"Go Tell It on the Mountain"**

***Green Hymnal #70***

***Dismissal***

A: Go in peace. Tell everyone what you have heard and seen.

**C: Thanks be to God! Jesus Christ is born indeed!**

***Postlude***

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Preacher	Pastor Tim Wolbrecht
Assisting Minister	Theresa Lehan-Anderson
Minister of Music	Brian Higham
Organist	William Fletcher Bryant
Acolytes	Aaron Maschhoff Jiali Maschhoff
Communion Assistants	Janice Gockel Larry Gockel Mary Jane Golden Kris Rogness
Lectors	Emily Anderson Philip Anderson
Children's Message	Jeff Berner
Greeters	Tom & Nancy Swenson Leah Swenson
Ushers	Linda Maschhoff Jan Orlando Jan Sorensen
Fellowship	Craig Perkins Jan Orlando
Altar Guild	Nona Taylor
Counters	Larry Gockel
Courtesy Driver	Vic Ensz

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed starting Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2, 2017. Pastor Tim will be working from home and on call (206-769-1938) during this time. If you cannot reach him, Maynard Atik (425-672-8692) and John Gienapp (206-400-5508) are available. Church Administrator, Mari Mitchell-Putnam will be back in the office Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

**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 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.

**ANY PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCH** that you want entered for 2016, need to be in the church office **TODAY!** Anything received after today will be entered for 2017.

**THE WALK WITH THE MAGI** will take place on Sunday, January 8, starting at 11:00 a.m. Come and join in the adventure of walking with the wise men as they follow the star and look for the baby Jesus. After the walk, people will gather for mac n'cheese, followed by the bursting of a piñata. Don't forget to invite your friends with children to this intergenerational event. Contact Jennifer Eveland if you would like to play a part in this pageant. Also, in order to plan for food, please sign up on the Worship Registration form if you are planning to attend this Epiphany Day celebration.

**OUR NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP** next Sunday will be at **10:00 a.m.**

**THE JANUARY EDITION OF "THE SPIRIT"** will be coming out at the end of the first week in January.

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017 TODAY!** They are on a table in the foyer of the 16<sup>th</sup> street entrance. Get yours today: save us postage!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who provided a gift for the women of Elizabeth Gregory Home. You helped to make their Christmas bright! Thank you, also, to all who purchased cards from Lois Moe in support of EGH. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

**SIGN UP NOW** for our Winter Retreat at Grunewald Guild. A group from ULC will be going to this retreat center near Leavenworth over President's Day weekend (Saturday, February 18 through Monday, February 20). We will have a chance to enjoy the winter weather (snowshoeing, skiing, and sledding) as well as warming up indoors. All ages are welcome. The cost of the weekend will be \$170 per adult, or \$300 per family (lodging and all meals included). Please sign up on the Worship Registration form or email the church if you would like to attend.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE:** **Altar Guild** – Linda Maschhoff & Hattie Branch; **Acolytes** – Alan Oakley & Wyatt Eveland; **Asst. Minister** – Andy Kopser; **Children's Message** – Katie Saltanovitz; **Communion Assts.** – Sue Tong, Liz Herlevi, Twig Mills & Alison Stamey; **Lectors** – Brad Anderson & Theresa Lehan-Anderson; **Ushers** – Aslaug Haraldsdottir, Mary Jane Golden & Kris Rogness ; **Greeters** – Alice & Jack Peterson; **Fellowship Hour:** Phil & Sheryl Lundahl; **Counters** – Twig Mills & John Massman; **Courtesy Driver** – Gary Marshall.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL WEEK

<b>Monday (12/26/16)</b>		Women's ULu Shelter ALL DAY	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Teen Feed	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday (12/27/16)</b>	6:00 AM	NCBC Prayer Meeting	Rm B6/8
	9:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center	Rm 205
	6:00 PM	Women's ULu Shelter	Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday (12/28/16)</b>	6:00 AM	NCBC Prayer Meeting	Rm B6/8
	11:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center	Rm 205
	6:00 PM	Women's ULu Shelter	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	NCBC Young Adults	Lounge
<b>Thursday (12/29/16)</b>	6:00 AM	NCBC Prayer Meeting	Rm B6/8
	9:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center	Rm 205
	6:00 PM	Women's ULu Shelter	Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday (12/30/16)</b>	3:30 PM	Quilters	Rm 208
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	6:00 PM	Women's ULu Shelter	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday (12/31/16)</b>		Women's ULu Shelter ALL DAY	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 AM	Serve Breakfast at ROOTS	Univ Temple UMC
	10:00 AM	Sanctuary Art Center	Rm 205
	9:00 PM	NCBC New Years Eve Service	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday (1/1/17)</b>		HAPPY NEW YEAR!	
		Women's ULu Shelter ALL DAY	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship	Lounge
	11:30 PM	NCBC English Worship	Rm B6/B8 & Nursery
	1:15 PM	NCBC Korean Worship	Sanctuary & Nursery
	2:15 PM	NCBC Korean Fellowship Meal	Lounge
	7:00 PM	Teen Feed	Fellowship Hall
8:00 PM	NA Group	Lounge	

## 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 in a period of transition. In September, Pastor Tim Wolbrecht was installed as our interim pastor. Our Transition Team is in place, and working to prepare for the formation of a Call Committee in 2017 to bring a new pastor to ULC.

ULC is also in a period of celebration. We are enjoying monthly special events as we give thanks for our first 100 years and look toward an exciting future.

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.

Your presence here is a blessing to us. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge after the service. ✦

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