

# University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

October 7, 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 season of Pentecost when we pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire and motivate us in our mission to strive for justice and peace in all the Earth. As a reminder that we have brothers and sisters in other cultures on this Earth, we change our liturgy from time to time to reflect the music of those cultures. Today we are using our Latino Liturgy. At the conclusion of this service, we invite everyone to join in the **Celebration of Our Community**. If you have a birthday or anniversary this month, or would like to share a milestone or some other significant transition in your life, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by the congregation.

**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.

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

**CHANGING STATIONS** are in both the Women's and Men's restrooms, across the hall from the nursery and there is one in the narthex, in the back of the sanctuary.

**OUR PRAYERS** are for Allene Steinberg, Kimberly Ozuk, Jeanne Rehwinkel, Norma Beerweiler, John Wott, our homebound, and for those in need of healing in body or spirit.

**TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.*

*Prelude*

Improvisation on “Lasst us Erfreuen”

*Tune of #835*

*Welcome & Announcements*

## SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Confession*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. Let us confess our sin, calling for God’s transforming power.

(Time for silent confession)

P: Source of all life,

**All: We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

*Absolution*

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God’s love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God’s people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(Please stand as you are able)*

*Opening Hymn*

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High”

#835

(Face the cross as it is carried forward)

(verse 3 – lower voices; verse 5 – higher voices)

*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.**

# Hymn of Praise



*San-to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san-to, san - to, es nues - tro Dios,*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,



*Se - ñor de to - da la tie - rra. San - to, san - to, es nues - tro Dios.*  
God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.



*San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san-to, san - to, es nues - tro Dios,*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,



*Se - ñor de to - da la his - to - ria. San - to, san - to, es nues - tro Dios.*  
God, the Lord of all of his - t'ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.



*Que a - com - pa - ña a nues - tro pue - blo, que vi - ve en nues - tras lu - chas,*  
Who ac - com - pa - nies our peo - ple, who lives with - in our strug - gles,



*del u - ni - ver - so en - te - ro el ú - ni - co Se - ñor.*  
of all the earth and heav - en the one and on - ly Lord.



*Ben - di - tos los que en su nom - bre el e - van - ge - lio a - nun - cian,*  
Blest are they who in the Lord's name an - nounce the ho - ly gos - pel,



*la bue - na y gran no - ti - cia de la li - be - ra - ción.*  
pro - claim - ing the good news that our lib - er - a - tion comes.

***Prayer of the Day***

A: Let us pray together:

**C: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***(Please be seated)***

***First Lesson***

***Genesis 2:18-24***

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that God had taken from the man was made into a woman and God brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

**Second Lesson**

*Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12*

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God’s right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was

made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one God. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

*Gospel Acclamation*

“Halle, Halle”

#172

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
Hal - le - lu - jah.  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

Jesus left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them. Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. P: The Gospel of the risen Christ. C: **Thanks be to God!**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon**

**"What Is So Difficult About Relationships?"**

**Mark 10:1-16**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Hymn of the Day**

**"God, When Human Bonds are Broken"**

**#603**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in a bold God, Creator of splendor, spinning stars into night skies, warming the planet with life-giving sunshine, filling the earth with all creatures great and small.**

**We believe in a big God, Creator of 150 billion galaxies, who is big enough to receive our praise and loving enough to answer our prayers.**

**We believe in the risen Christ, who meets us in the brokenness of life, accompanies us on all our wanderings and forever seeks to welcome us home with open arms.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, guide and companion, who fills the church with windy hope and fiery compassion.**

**We believe in the church, where we can taste some of the heavenly banquet and live as a renewed people for the world. Amen.**

*Prayers of the People*

A: Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Exchange of Peace*

P: The peace of God be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

*Children's Message*

*Sue Gregory*

*Offering/Musical Offering*

**"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**

*arr. Craig Courtney*

My Shepherd will supply my need:  
Jehovah is His name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed  
Beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back  
When I forsake, forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,  
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death  
His presence is my stay.  
One word of His supporting grace  
Drives all my fears away.

His hand, in sight of all my foes,  
Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows,  
His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God  
Attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode,  
And all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest,  
While others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest,  
But like a child at home.

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory Hymn

“God Extends the Invitation”

#486



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -  
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



¡es la co - mu - nión; pues a - ¡es la co - mu - nión.  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

## *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 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.”**

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 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

*Communion Distribution*

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>“All Are Welcome”</b>            | <b>#641</b> |
| <b>“Now We Join in Celebration”</b> | <b>#462</b> |
| <b>“Lord of All Hopefulness”</b>    | <b>#765</b> |

(Please stand as you are able)

**Communion Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of Jesus, our Christ, unite us as one people and fill us with the faith and courage to pursue the holy calling that we have received in our baptism.

C: Amen.

**Post Communion Hymn**

**“The Lord Sends Us Forth”**

#538



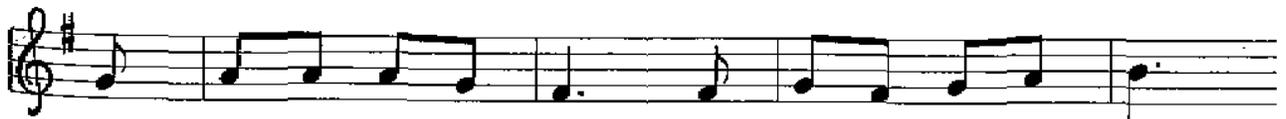
*En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá*  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



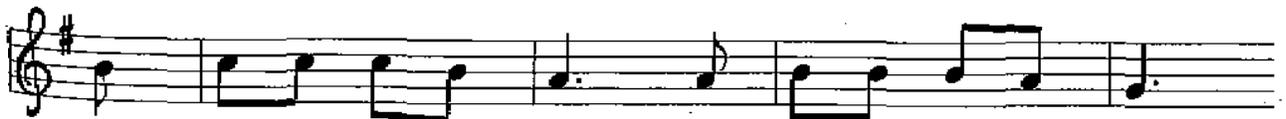
*pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.*  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



*Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar*  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



*un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;*  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



*me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.*  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



*A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.*  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

*Post Communion Prayer*

A: Let us pray together:

**C: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

*Reception of New Members*

*Benediction*

*(Please be seated)*

*Celebration of Our 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. Sound the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*

**“Scherzo”  
from Sonata #8**

*Joseph Rheinberger*

*“Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy”; “Santo, Santo, Santo, Santo”*

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Preacher             | Pastor Tim Wolbrecht  |
| Assisting Minister   | Sue Tong  |
| Minister of Music    | Brian Higham  |
| Organist             | Logan Hamilton  |
| Acolytes             | Alan Oakley<br>Cara Crowner   |
| Lectors              | Sheryl Lundahl<br>Lisa Johnson  |
| Communion Assistants | Sharon Reuter<br>Rick Reuter<br>Brad Anderson<br>Theresa Lehan-Anderson |
| Children’s Message   | Sue Gregory   |
| Greeters             | Jan Orlando   |
| Ushers               | Mark Hillman<br>Mary Hillman<br>Jack Hatlen                             |
| Fellowship           | Merle & Joan Overland<br>Jeff Berner                                    |
| Altar Guild          | Sue & Frank Gregory   |
| Counters             | Rick Reuter<br>Linda Mohl   |
| Courtesy Driver      | Vic Ensz  |

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM      Service of Holy Communion  
10:30 AM      Fellowship in the lounge  
11:00 AM      Sunday School upstairs  
11:00 AM      Quilters in room 208

**“MEET & GREET” Pastor Susan Schneider, Candidate of Choice for Lead Pastor at ULC.** The Call Committee is working with Membership and Communications Committees to schedule three “Meet & Greet” events. Please sign up on the Worship Registration form to indicate your attendance at one of the timeframes, as well as your availability to help with the event planning and logistics. (If you don’t have enough people signed up for one time, we will ask them to move to another.)

**THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OCTOBER IS SHARE/WHEEL.** As many of you know we host a WHEEL shelter in our fellowship hall every night. What you may not know is that WHEEL does much more than help provide shelter to homeless women. WHEEL stands for Women’s Housing, Equality and Enhancement League and is a non-profit, non-hierarchical group of homeless and formerly homeless women working on ending homelessness for women. Since 1993 WHEEL has initiated many campaigns that have improved the lives of all women. If you would like to contribute to WHEEL you may do so by using a special offering envelope in the pew, making your check out the ULC, earmarking it for WHEEL, and putting your gift in the offering plate, or bringing it to the church office. Thank you for your generous offering.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to be in the lounge during worship service! When John Grebe was here, he monitored the hallway and nursery during the service. From time to time, someone wanders in the building and may need to be guided in the right direction. Note that there are speakers in the lounge and ducking into the sanctuary for communion is perfectly fine and has been done by others. If you are willing to perform this task on a rotating basis (as an individuals or a couples) please sign up to be a **Hall Monitor** on the Worship Registration form, and Mari will send out a schedule.

**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTER NEEDED!** Every Sunday after service we have two volunteers to count the offering and get it deposited in the bank. We are short one counter to have five teams. If you would be interested in counting every fifth week, please contact Mari in the church office or sign up on the Worship Registration form. Thank you!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT** our new mobile giving, **Tithe.ly**, please see Jeff Berner or Craig Perkins after the service. They can show you how it is used and how to download the app on your phone. We have added a **“Donate & Give Pledge”** button on the website, as well.

**ULC MEETINGS NEXT WEEK, October 1-5:**

Monday, October 7 – 9:00 a.m., Monday Morning Maintenance, whole church

Thursday, October 11 – 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal, Room B7

Friday, October 12 – 10:00 A.M., **“Meet & Greet”** with Pastor Sue Schneider, Lounge  
3:30 p.m., Quilters, Room 208

7:00 p.m., **“Meet & Greet”** with Pastor Sue Schneider, Lounge

Saturday, October 13 – 8:30 a.m., **“Meet & Greet”** with Pastor Sue Schneider, Lounge

**ATTENDANCE** was 93 last Sunday.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE:** **Altar Guild** – Margoan Hunter & Nona Taylor; **Acolytes** – Natalie Crowner & Jiali Maschhoff; **Asst. Minister** – Theresa Lehan-Anderson; **Communion Assts.** – Janice & Larry Gockel, Nona Taylor & Darleen Atik; **Children's Message** – Jeff Berner; **Lectors** – Janice & Larry Gockel; **Ushers** – Rick & Sharon Reuter, Michael & Ruth Ann Rouse; **Greeters** – Frank Gregory & Aslaug Haraldsdottir; **Fellowship Hour:** Clint & Maggie Pehrson; **Counters** – John Massman & M. Hillman; **Courtesy Driver** – Gary Marshall.