

# University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

August 11, 2019



## **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 Pentecost season as we remain open and receptive to how the Holy Spirit is moving in our lives to guide us in the way of truth, to give us the courage to live according to God's will, and to grant us the peace of knowing that we always are in the loving presence of a good and gracious God.

**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.

**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.

**THERE IS A CHILDREN'S AREA** in the back of the sanctuary with quiet activities for young children. An adult must also be present when a child is there.

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

**OUR PRAYERS** are with Susan Cook on the death of her mother; Florence Cook, Mary Denny, Darlene Atik, Jan Orlando, and John Wott

**TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** *Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.*

*Prelude*

**Improvisation on “New Britain”**

*Tune #779*

*Welcome/Announcements*

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

**Confession/Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

**“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”**

**#771**

(Face the cross as it is carried forward)

**Greeting**

**P:** The grace of our risen Savior, the boundless love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## *Praise Canticle*



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## *Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray together:

**C: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you  
wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## *First Lesson*

*Genesis 15:1-6*

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

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 Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “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 he believed God; and God reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: The word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm Reading* (Lectern side – odd # verses; Organ Side even #)

*80:1-2, 8-19*

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup>**You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.**

<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

<sup>11</sup>**You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.**

<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

<sup>13</sup>**The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;

<sup>15</sup>**behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

<sup>16</sup>They burn it with fire like rubbish;  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD| God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

## **Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

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 him faithful who 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:** The word of God.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**Gospel**

**Luke 12:32-40**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Frather'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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon**

**"Do Not Be Afraid"**

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

**Hymn of the Day**      **“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”**

**#400**

***Prayers of the People***

A: Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayers.**

**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***      **“As I Journey through My Life”**

***Elisa Johnson***

Jiali Maschhoff, singer

Brian Maschhoff, guitar

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

***Offertory Hymn***      **“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

**#678**

***Offertory Prayer***

A: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. At this, the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## *Eucharistic Prayer*

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord 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.

Again, after supper, 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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **C: Amen.**  
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **C: Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **C: Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.  
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.  
O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.  
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.  
O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, 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*

**“Lamb of God”**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**“Have No Fear, Little Flock”**  
**“Amazing Grace”**

**#764**  
**#779**

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

***Post Communion Blessing and Prayer***

A: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Liberator.

**C: Amen.**

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C: Amen.**

***Sending Hymn***

**“The Church of Christ in Every Age”**

**729**

***Dismissal***

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*(Please be seated)*

***Postlude***

**Prelude in G Major**

***J. S. Bach***

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher	Pastor Sue Schneider
Assisting Minister	Maynard Atik
Minister of Music	Brian Higham
Organist	Logan Hamilton
Acolytes	
Lectors	Mark & Mary Hillman
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Greeters	Mary Hillman
Ushers	Linda Maschhoff Craig Perkins
Fellowship	Liz Herlevi Lisa Johnson
Altar Guild	Linda Maschhoff
Counters	Rick Reuter Linda Mohl
Courtesy Driver	Gary Marshall

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:30 AM Worship in the sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Fellowship in the lounge
- 11:00 AM Adult Forum in the chapel

**THE ADULT FORUM TODAY** we will watch the last episode of “The Dark Ages: An Age of Light.” Art historian Waldemar Januszczak will take us on an artistic journey back to the Dark Ages. Everyone is invited to come and watch this video.

**THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST IS SANCTUARY ART CENTER.** Since 1999 SAC has provided a quiet space for homeless and street involved young people to engage in programs of painting, drawing, ceramics, stained glass, sewing, fabric arts, theater arts, improvisational acting, guitar, piano, drums, visual storytelling, and screen printing. Through these various forms of media, their goal is to engage youth in a creative process and connect their guests to the community in which they live. If you would like to contribute to sac, you may do so by using a special offering envelope in the pew, making your check out to ULC, earmarking it for sac, and putting your gift in the offering plate, or bringing it to the church office. Thank you for your generous offering.

**JOIN THE SUMMER PICKUP CHOIR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 18.** Come one, come all singers! All are welcome, especially those singers who aren't able to be regular choir members but still love to sing. We meet that morning at 8:45, and learn a simple anthem together, and then sing it for the offertory!

**ULC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR SIBLINGS IN CHRIST** at U Temple for an evening prayer hymn sing. There are so many lovely evening hymns we rarely get to sing, and the U Temple Sanctuary is beautiful on a summer evening. Come for a simple service of evening prayer and singing on August 14th at 7:15. Beforehand, starting at 6:30, enjoy some ice cream and fellowship time in the Parlor.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF "THE SPIRIT"** is Tuesday, August 20. Please consider sharing something of your summer travels/activities with the congregation.

**JOIN OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES** for a fun night of hometown baseball with the Everett Aqua Sox, friends and making memories on Thursday, August 22 for Pride Night. Gates open at 6:05, with the first pitch at 7:05. Tickets are \$10. To reserve tickets, contact Open Door Ministries at [odm.elca@gmail.com](mailto:odm.elca@gmail.com), or call Carolyn Johnson at 206-628-0946.

**UP FOR A MARINER'S GAME?** Maynard Atik has procured eight (8) tickets for the Mariner/Toronto Blue Jays for Sunday, August 25, 1:10 start time. The tickets are FREE! If you would like to use some of the tickets, please contact Maynard by either email ([nycpresten@comcast.net](mailto:nycpresten@comcast.net)) or text him at 425-361-9070. Go M's!

**THIS YEAR ULC WILL BE PARTICIPATING WITH THE REST OF THE ELCA IN "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"** with a day of service. On Sunday, September 8, we will be cooking a lunch at Compass Broadview (147 N 132<sup>nd</sup> St), a Compass House Alliance location. This is a new facility and we are asking members to help with kitchen items for their community kitchen (mixing bowls, measuring cups & spoons, pans, etc), and with cooking a taco bar lunch on that day. (The kitchen supplies will stock their community kitchen and help with the UW cooking class that they will be having throughout the year.) We will be serving the lunch at 12:30 and are invited to eat with residents. If you are interested in purchasing an item from their "wish list," please let Mari in the church office know and she will forward the list to you. If you would like to help cook, please sign up on the Worship Registration form.

**THE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES NW LUNCHEON** is coming up on Sunday, October 13. It will be held at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Social Hour is 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. with the lunch and program at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. The lunch is free, and there will be a "ask" during the program. If you are interested in coordinating a table from ULC, please contact Mari in the church office.

**JUSTICE LEADERSHIP IS LOOKING** for adults of any age to participate in their Justice Leadership Jubilee program. This is a program for people “who want to integrate faith and justice work into their lives in a meaningful and transformation way.” The total time commitment is mid-September to mid-June, about 15 hours/week. Jubilee Associates will work in on the these non-profits: 350 Seattle, Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, Earth Ministry, Faith Action Network, NW Immigrant Rights Project, or Real Change. Or you can suggest one! Visit [justiceleadership.org](http://justiceleadership.org) for more information, or call Christine Hanson at 509-679-7430 or email [justiceleadershipjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:justiceleadershipjubilee@gmail.com).

**ULC MEETINGS NEXT WEEK, August 12-16:**

Monday, August 12 – 7:00 p.m., Membership Committee, home of Samantha DeAbreu

Tuesday, August 13 – 12:00 p.m., Tenants Meeting, library

6:30 p.m., ULC Council, library

Thursday, August 15 – 1:00 p.m., Thursday Afternoon Maintenance Group, whole church

Friday, August 16 – 3:30 p.m., Quilters, Room 208

**ATTENDANCE** was 43 last Sunday for our worship/picnic in the park.

**NEXT SUNDAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE:** **Altar Guild** – Dan & Stacy Crowner; **Acolytes** –; **Asst. Minister** – Andy Kopser; **Communion Assts.** – Brad Anderson, Theresa Lehan-Anderson, Clint & Maggie Pehrson; **Children’s Message** – Stacy Crowner; **Lectors** – Clint & Maggie Pehrson; **Ushers** – Mark & Mary Hillman, Merle Overland; **Greeters** – Phil & Sheryl Lundahl; **Fellowship Hour:** Janice & Larry Gockel; **Counters** –Ruth Ann rouse, Jeff Berner; **Courtesy Driver** – Tom Swenson.



## Sunday Schedule

*Worship with Holy Communion:*

9:30 AM

*Fellowship:* 10:30 AM

*Education Hour:* 11:00 AM

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

### **Outreach at ULC**

*Elizabeth Gregory Home – Sun - Fri*  
*Sanctuary Art Center – 5 times weekly*

*Teen Feed – 3 times weekly*

*ULu Women's Shelter - Nightly*

### **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*

*United 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 coffee, goodies and fellowship!



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Monday thru Friday

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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