

# University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

December 24, 2017



## Christmas Eve

### **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 Eve when we rejoice that Jesus once again breaks into our world and renews our hope for peace. If you are visiting for the first time, this congregation offers you a place to be and belong. For those of you who are “returning home,” we are glad to see you again, and cherish the time that we can be together. Tonight is a time to dwell together in the joy and peace of Jesus Christ and renew our commitment to the peace and good will that Jesus came to reveal.

**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.

**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.

**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 meet. 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!



**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

*Lesson  
Carol*

*Isaiah 11:1-9*

**“Lo, How a Rose is Growing”**

*Green Hymnal #58  
(vv. 1 & 2)*

*Lesson  
Carol*

*Isaiah 42:1-4*

**“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”**

*Green Hymnal #54  
(vv. 1 & 4)*

*Lesson  
Anthem*

*Micah 5:2-5*

**“Now is Come Our Salvation”**

*Pierre Dagues*

Now is come our salvation  
From heavenly heights above;  
Hope to heal every nation,  
Proof of our Maker’s love.

Dayspring now leaves the sky  
With man to make his dwelling;  
“Joy to the world,” we cry,  
“All other joys excelling.”

Join in songs of thanksgiving,  
Anthems of solemn praise  
Our Redeemer is living,  
Love comes to crown our days.

Glory to God be given,  
Let every knee be bending;  
Now to the earth from heaven  
His kingdom has no ending. Amen.

*Lesson  
Carol*

*Luke 2:1-14*

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

*Green Hymnal #71*

*Lesson*

*Luke 2:15-20*

*(Please stand)  
Carol*

**“Joy to the World”**

*Green Hymnal #39  
(vv. 1, 2, & 4)*

*(Please be seated)*

**Homily**

**“Twas the Night Before Jesus”**

*(Please stand)*

**Hymn of the Day**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**Green Hymnal #60**

**Prayers of the People**

A: Hear us O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Children’s Message**

**John Grebe**

**Children’s Hymn**

**“Away in a Manger”**

**Green Hymnal #67**

**Offering/Musical Offering**

**“Vigil”**

**F. Melius Christiansen**

Reposeful yet pending, the firmaments wait,  
While angels draw near to the heavenly gate,  
And ages awake to the song of His birth,  
The song of the Savior descended to earth.

O infant divine, in a cradle of light!  
We see him dispelling the shadows of night.  
Adoring we come and our frankincense bring  
To Him, our Redeemer, our heavenly King.

Reposeful yet pending, my heart shall abide  
In vigil to hear what the heavens confide,  
When angels announce Him, revealing abroad  
The vistas of glory, the wonders of God.

*(Please stand)*

**Offertory**

**“From Heaven Above”**

**Green Hymnal #51**

(vv. 1 & 2)

**Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray together:

C: **God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this gift of life that has come into this world to reveal to us your grace and guide us in the way of truth. May these gifts which we offer be an expression and demonstration of our love for all those who long to hear your Word, want to be a part of this community, or need a place to sleep on this cold and wintry night. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

### ***Eucharistic Prayer***

P: Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world. In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, Jesus Christ, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

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, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await Jesus' coming again when all things will be restored in him. By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup that we may live as your children, shining with the light of Jesus, our 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***

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
“What Child is This”  
“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”**

***Green Hymnal #41  
Green Hymnal #40  
Green Hymnal #69***

*(Please stand)*

### ***Communion Blessing***

P: May the body and blood of Jesus, our Christ, be the gift that liberates us from our past, empowers us for the present, and gives us hope for the future as we follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen**

### ***Lighting of the Candles***

*(The pastor will light the candles of the ushers, who will light candles at the end of each row. Please pass the flame from one candle to the next, remembering to hold the lit candle upright while the next person lights his/her candle.)*

*Christmas Prayer*

*Benediction*

P: Go forth in faith and good courage to proclaim the good news of God's love, live according to the justice of Jesus Christ, and dwell in the Spirit of God's peace.

C: Amen.

*Carol*

**“Silent Night, Holy Night”**

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

*Dismissal*

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

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

**Postlude**

**Chaconne & Toccata**

*Hugo Distler*

*(Please extinguish your candle and return it to an usher as you leave the sanctuary.)*

**Preacher:** Pastor Tim Wolbrecht

**Director of Music:** Brian Higham

**Lectors:** Christian Oakley, Josh Pehrson, Emmy Pehrson, Justin Frank; Rebecca Frank, Colin Davies

**Communion Assistants:** Emily Anderson, Phillip Anderson, Brad Anderson, Theresa Lehan-Anderson

**Altar Guild:** Linda Maschhoff

**Acolytes:** Aaron Maschhoff & Jiali Maschhoff

**Ushers:** Kris Rogness

**Assisting Minister:** Sonora Carroll

**Organist:** Logan Hamilton

**Greeters:** Colin Davies, Nancy & Tom Swenson,

Carl Swenson, Eric Swenson &

Leah Swenson

## 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.

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Monday thru Thursday

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



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