

# University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 25, 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** on this **Palm Sunday**. We celebrate Jesus' entering into Jerusalem as he continues his journey to his death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter.

**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 in 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.

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

**CHILDREN ARE INVITED** to be present and actively engaged in worship in our "**Wiggle Space**" in the back of the sanctuary. It is designed for children 6 years old and under to be an aide in their learning process. Parents need to be present.

**OUR PRAYERS** are with those who are hurting in body, mind, or spirit.

**TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** *Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-53; Mark 16:1-18.*

*Prelude*

**“Erhalt uns, herr”**

*Welcome and Announcement*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

*Opening Hymn*

**“All Glory Laud and Honor”**  
*(Face the cross as it is carried forward)*

**#344**

*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.**

*Prayer of the Day*

**A:** Let us pray together:

**C: God of all glory, laud, and honor, prepare us this day for the entry of Jesus into our lives so that we may concentrate with our hearts and minds on his call to follow him in your way of justice and peace. Help us to be strong in the face of our adversaries and be bold in our challenge to all who are responsible for the oppression and violence in this world. Keep us always humble in our witness to your love. We pray in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

*First Lesson*

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today’s reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God’s steadfast love.*

God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning God wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; the one who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**L:** Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Response*

*All*  
Re - turn, re - turn to God, who is  
gra-cious and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and a -  
bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*Second Lesson*

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

**L:** Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*(Please remain seated)*

**Response**

The musical score is written on three staves in a single system. The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'All' and the lyrics 'Re - turn, re - turn to God, who is'. The second staff continues with 'gra-cious and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and a -'. The third staff concludes with 'bound - ing in stead - fast love.' The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed directly below the notes.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Gospel**

**Mark 11:1-11**

*The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**P:** The Gospel of the risen Christ.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*Sermon*

**“Love Poured Out”**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*Hymn of the Day*

**“At the Name of Jesus”**

**#416**

*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*

*Offering/Musical Offering*

**“Sing Hosanna! Sannanina!”**

**Sing hosnanna! Sannania!**

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Sing hosanna! Sannanina!**

*(Please stand)*

*Offertory*

**“As the Grains of Wheat”**

**#465**

*Offertory Prayer*

A: Let us pray together:

**C: God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for your gift of life and sustenance that we cherish this day. As people once laid their garments in front of Jesus, we now offer to you these gifts of our labor for your glory and in response to your call to love our neighbors as we have been loved by you. Bless this bread and fruit of the vine so that all who receive this presence of Christ will honor you with lives of faithfulness and service in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.**

*Eucharistic Prayer*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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, 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 his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, 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)*

*Distribution of Communion*

<b>“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”</b>	<b>#345</b>
<b>“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”</b>	<b>#338</b>
<b>“Blessed Assurance”</b>	<b>#638</b>

*(Please stand as you are able)*

*Communion Blessing*

P: May the body and blood of Jesus, our Christ, strengthen us in our faith and keep us focused on the glory of God's love throughout this week.

**C: Amen.**

*Post Communion Song*

**“Thank the Lord”**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Post Communion Prayer*

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of grace and glory, we give you thanks for this gift of life that we have received this day. We have so much to face this week as we head to Jerusalem with Jesus. Keep us strong in our faith, bold in our witness, and faithful in our service so that the world will know that Christ has truly risen from the dead to bring peace and salvation to all creation. We pray in Jesus' glorious name. Amen.

*Benediction*

*Closing Hymn*

**“Christ the Life of All the Living”**

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*Dismissal*

A: Go in peace. Give glory to God forever.

C: Thanks be to God!

*Postlude*

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

*Melchior Teschner*

## Worship Attendants

Preacher	Pastor Tim Wolbrecht
Assisting Minister	Andy Kopser
Minister of Music	Brian Higham
Organist	Logan Hamilton
Acolytes	Aaron Maschhoff Jiali Maschhoff
Communion Assistants	Twig Mills Alison Stamey Liz Herlevi Kathy Lachata-Oakley
Lectors	Michael Rouse Ruth Ann Rouse
Greeters	Frank Gregory Aslaug Haraldsdottir
Ushers	Aslaug Haraldsdottir Lisa Johnson Laura Koetke Sheryl Lundahl
Fellowship	Katie Saltanovitz Kris Rogness
Altar Guild	Linda Maschhoff Kris Rogness
Counters	John Massman Ruth Ann Rouse
Courtesy Driver	Gary Marshall

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:30 AM Service of Holy Communion
- 10:30 AM Fellowship time in the lounge
- 11:00 AM Sunday School upstairs
- 11:00 AM Quilters in Room 218
- 7:00 PM Teen Feed in the fellowship hall
- 8:00 PM NA Group in the lounge

**THE ADULT FORUM TODAY** focuses on Psalms of Praise. As we move from Palm Sunday’s “Hosannah!” to Easter’s “Alleluia!” the psalms can teach us about what praise is, how and why to praise, and who does the praising. Mary Denny will facilitate our exploration. All are welcome!

**THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH** is the Emergency Fund for Refugees Northwest, a program of Lutheran Community Services Northwest. This fund was the recipient of ULC's 100th Anniversary Legacy Project fund raising last spring. The fund provides money for emergencies faced by newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers who face overwhelming circumstances during their initial adjustment to life in the United States. For example, it gives

caseworkers discretion to help with an unfunded medical emergency or threat of eviction. The limited federal subsidy for resettlement does not provide for these circumstances. In such instances small amounts of money, often less than \$1000, can make the difference between stabilizing a situation or its further deterioration into severe hardship. The fund always needs to be replenished! If you would like to contribute to this vital ministry, please make your check out to ULC and earmark it for "Refugee Fund." You may use the Special Offering envelopes in the pews or leave your check to the church office.

**ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29, at 6:30 p.m.** we will gather in the lounge and re-enact Jesus' final meal with his disciples, including the sharing of the bread and the cup that has become our sacrament of Holy Communion. Using the compiled readings from all four gospels, we will get a composite picture of what this evening was like and will bring Jesus' interactions and instructions to life through these readings. **If you are able and willing to bring a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or a beverage, please contact the church office or sign up on the Worship Registration form.**

**OUR ORGANIST, LOGAN HAMILTON,** will be having an organ recital here on **Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m.** The recital will features pieces by Felix Mendelssohn, Johann Sebastian Bach, Anton Heiller, Johannes Brahms and Louis Vierne. Logan states, *"I am offering an evening of music to reflect upon Christ's suffering and the gift of salvation that we gained from it. The repertoire I have chosen paints the last moments of somber grief from Christ's death that will prepare our spirits for His victorious resurrection. All are welcome to attend with peaceful hearts and minds."*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A READER FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY OR GOOD FRIDAY,** please sign up on the Worship Registration form or see Pastor Tim. We need 9 for Maundy Thursday and 6 for Good Friday.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** is a wonderful way to celebrate Easter. We will be setting up starting at 7:30 am and begin eating around 8:30 am. **Please sign up on the Worship Registration form if you plan to attend, if you can help set up or clean up AND if you can bring an egg dish, fruit, pastries or juice.** Everyone is encouraged to come and bring a friend!

**EASTER IS COMING!** If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor of someone, please sign up on the Worship Registration form. The cost of lilies is \$15 each.

**EVERYONE IS INVITE TO A COMMUNITY OUTING** on May 6, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Waterhouse Center near Monroe. All ages are welcome for this fun team building event. We will leave after church and carpool to the site, where we will participate in challenging and fun tasks that involving communication and problem solving. The tasks vary from 20% - 50% physically challenging, but mostly they require teamwork. The cost is \$30 per person and includes an early dinner, s'mores, campfire, activities and fun. There is a consent form for each participant. Closed toed shoes are required, and appropriate outer wear depending on the

weather is highly recommended. Please sign up on the Worship Registration form if you are interested as space is limited.

**ATTENDANCE** was 88 last Sunday.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE:** **Altar Guild** – Nona Taylor; **Acolytes** – Alan Oakley & Cara Crowner; **Asst. Minister** – Clint Pehrson; **Communion Assts.** – Larry & Janice Gockel, Brad Anderson & Theresa Lehan-Anderson; **Lectors** – Craig Perkins & Sue Tong; **Ushers** – Rick & Sharon Reuter, Michael & Ruth Ann Rouse; **Greeters** – Phil & Sheryl Lundahl; **Fellowship Hour:** Bob & Yolanda Houze; **Counters** –Katie Saltanovitz & Jeff Berner; **Courtesy Driver** – Tom 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.

Please join us after service in the lounge for goodies and fellowship!

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Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



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