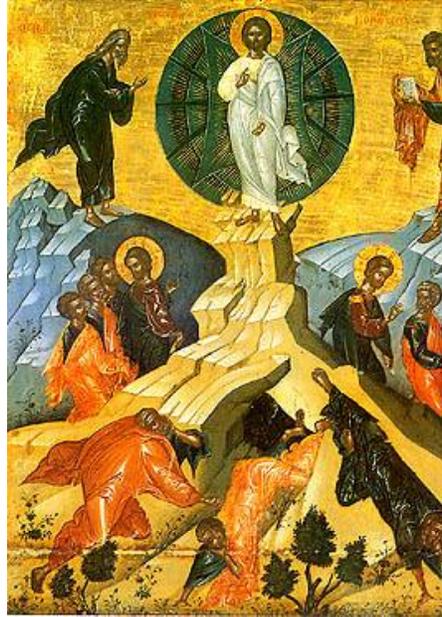


University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 3, 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 on this Transfiguration Sunday when we long for the transformation in our lives that will lead us to be more faithful to the call of Jesus and more obedient to God's commandments. We participate in a Mountain Liturgy, adapted from the Seasons of Creation, that reminds us of our place and responsibility in this universe as creatures of God and caretakers of this planet Earth.

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.

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.

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 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: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.*

Prelude

Improvisation on “St. Denio”

Tune #834

Welcome & Announcements

Service of Confession & Absolution

Confession

P: Creator God, you made the heavens and the Earth, including the grandeur of the mountains. We look around us and we see Mount Rainier, Mount Baker, Mount Olympus, and, on a clear day, all of the other mountains of the Cascades and Olympics. However, we also know that the mountains are a place to which we can escape from the cares and responsibilities of this world. Mindful of our role in contributing to whatever is wrong in this world, we confess our sins and seek your forgiveness.

(Silent Confession)

P: Gracious and merciful God,

All: We confess to you that when we stand on top of a mountain and look around at the world below, we see such a mixture of beauty and desolation and hear both the shouts of joy as well as the cries of despair. Even the Earth cries out in travail over the way that we human beings treat the natural world. None of us can escape the responsibility for this violation of God’s creation, but we can repent and make the necessary changes in our lives for the good of all the Earth. As the first step in this repentance, we confess our part in whatever injustice, enmity, corruption, and violence infects our society and endangers our planet. Secondly, we bring our contrite hearts and minds to you and ask for your forgiveness. Thirdly, we turn back to you and commit our lives to your service.

Absolution

P: God in Christ hears our confession, forgives our sins, and calls us to return to the care of the Earth that honors the mountains, the seas, and all living creatures.

C: As we descend the mountain and return to daily life, we return as God’s beloved children, holy, blameless and acceptable in God’s sight. Glory to God in the highest and peace to all of God’s creatures on Earth! Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

#317

(Face the cross as it is carried forward)

Invocation and Call to Worship

P: In the name of God, who creates mountains, in the name of Christ , who was transfigured on a mountain, and in the name of the Spirit, who dwells deep in the mountains.

C: Holy! Holy! Holy! The Earth is filled with God’s presence.

P: As we come into this sanctuary today, we enter the holy mountain of God.

C: Holy! Holy! Holy! This mountain is filled with God’s presence.

P: We invite the mountains to worship with us:

C: Swirling snow and sliding glaciers, mighty boulders and deep forests.

P: We invite the mountain creatures to join us in wonder:

C: Soaring eagles and graceful cougars, playful chipmunks and leaping trout.

P: We join with the mountain vegetation in praising God:

C: Douglas fir and blankets of moss, fields of wild flowers and exotic rhododendrons.

P: We call the depths of the mountains to celebrate with us:

C: Bubbling springs and cavernous holes, sparkling granite and precious stones.

P: We enter the mountain of God today.

C: We worship in God’s presence, a sacred place on our planet.

P: We celebrate the song of the mountain!

C: Sing! Mountain! Sing!

Hymn of Praise

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

#876

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together:

C: God, our Creator, as we descend from the mountains, we celebrate the wonders of the world around us. Help us to see in the surrounding landscape the places where we could improve our care of this Earth. Remind us that the hills and mountains are alive with your Spirit, and that all of the planetary creatures are our kin. We pray in the name of Jesus, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson

Exodus 34:2-35

Moses’ face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God’s glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that God had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before God to speak with God, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with God.

A: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn

“Lord, Your Hands Have Formed”

#554

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to God, the veil is removed. Now God is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of God is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of God as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from God, the Spirit.

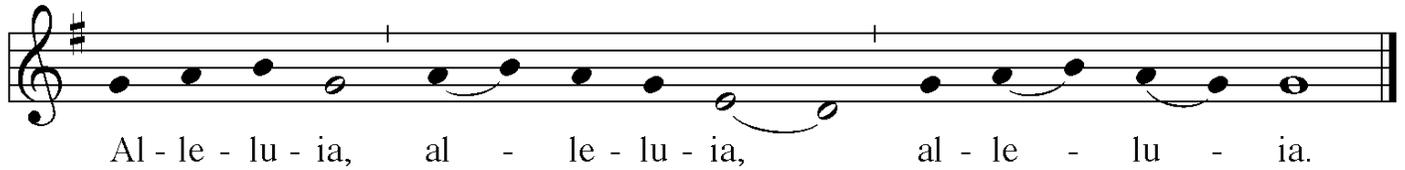
Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Luke 9:28-43a

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The Gospel of the risen Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

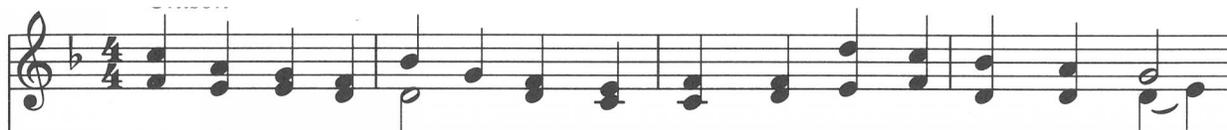
Sermon

"Blinded by the Light"

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter, James, and John,
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com-pan - ions saw?
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis - ci - ples heard?
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you glo - ri - fied,
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as - cend - ed Christ,



We are daz-zled by your glo - ry, light as blind-ing as the sun.
Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there fills us with the self - same awe.
Once a - gain the voice from heav - en says of the In - car - nate Word:
Where you shout-ed, “It is fin - ished!” where for all the world you died.
Can - not help but tell the sto - ry, all that you have sac - ri - ficed;



There pre - pare us for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
“Lis - ten, lis - ten, ev - ery-one, this is my be - lov - ed One!”
Hear the stunned cen - tu - ri - on: “This was God’s be - lov - ed One!”
Say with Pe - ter, James, and John: “You are God’s be - lov - ed One!”



Reception of New Members

Prayers of the People

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

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Allen Pote

Many gift, one spirit,
Many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise,
Many questions, one choice.

O God, we pray for unity,
Give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us
In the circle of your love.

O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
We are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other,
Show us ways to understand.
We are members of one family,
growing strong by joining hands.

O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
We are walking to your throne.

Take our many ways of working,
Blend the colors of each soul
Into beauty of a rainbow,
Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory Hymn

“Arise, Your Light Has Come”

#314

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our gratitude for your bounty, and as a demonstration of our concern for all who are in need, including the creatures of this planet. Bless this bread and fruit of the vine with your gracious power, so that we will have the faith and courage to care for our environment and for the good of all creation. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: From Mount Zion, we hear the voice of God inviting us to come and listen to all that Jesus has to say, and observe all that Jesus has done. What we hear are words like: Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Let not your hearts be troubled. Your sins are forgiven. I was sent for the purpose of proclaiming the good news of God's realm. Do not be anxious about what you are to eat or wear. I am the Bread of Life. Love one another, as I have loved you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

We also see Jesus performing deeds like: feeding people who are hungry; healing the sick; casting out demons; violating religious laws; challenging religious leaders; advocating for those who are poor; living simply; dining with tax collectors and outcasts; dying on a cross; and breathing his Spirit on those who decided to follow him.

In this same way, 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.

Likewise, 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 Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain, his death on Mount Calvary, his rising from the dead, and his ascension into the heavens, we come to this holy table with all of the anticipation of a people hoping for a transformation in our own lives.

When we come to this table, we know that it is good for us to be here, but that we also are not here to stay, because Jesus calls us to follow him into the world to proclaim and demonstrate the good news of God's love, justice, and peace as revealed in Jesus 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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#834

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

#315

“Beautiful Savior”

#838

(Please stand as you are able)

Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of God’s Beloved grace us with the faith to trust in God’s love and with the courage to proclaim God’s love to the world.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: Gracious God, we give you thanks for meeting us in this place and offering to us this gift of life and salvation. Send us forth with the faith to be faithful and the courage to be bold in our commitment to follow in the way of Jesus. As people who have been baptized and raised again to new life, grant us the freedom to tell everyone about what we have seen and heard regarding your love and your peace. We pray in the name of your Beloved. Amen.

Benediction

Celebration of 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. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God!

Today’s liturgy is adapted with permission from the Mountain Sunday liturgy, written by Norman Habel, Coordinator of the Season of Creation Project, Adelaide, Australia.

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

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Minister of Music	Brian Higham
Organist	Logan Hamilton
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Communion Assistants	Kathy Lachata-Oakley Merle Overland Clint Pehrson Maggie Pehrson
Lectors	Brad Anderson Theresa Lehan-Anderson
Greeters	Alice & Jack Peterson
Ushers	Craig Perkins Sheryl Lundahl Rick Reuter Sharon Reuter
Fellowship	Twig Mills Alison Stamey
Altar Guild	Frank & Sue Gregory
Counters	Ruth Ann Rouse Jeff Berner
Courtesy Driver	Tom Swenson

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:30 AM Service of Holy Communion
- 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour in the lounge
- 11:00 AM Adult Forum in the chapel
- 11:00 AM Sunday School upstairs
- 11:00 AM Quilters in Room 208

THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH is the Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services. For more than seven decades, LIRS has been a champion for migrants and refugees from around the globe. They have welcomed more than 379,000 refugees to the United States since 1939. If you would like to support this critical ministry, please make your check out to ULC and earmark it “LIRS.” You may use the special offering envelope in the pew and put it in the offering, or bring it into the church office. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.

AT THE ADULT FORUM TODAY we will have a presentation from the women of WHEEL (Women’s Housing, Employment & Equality League). They will be talking with us about how WHEEL is run and we will meet some of the women from the ULu shelter here in our church. Everyone is invited to attend.

WE WILL HAVE TWO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES on March 6. One service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel and the other will be in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Both services will include Holy Communion and imposition of ashes.

ULC SUPPER CLUBS! The Membership Committee is completing the planning for these gatherings. They are working with hosts on specific dates and times. As soon as it is all lined up, you will be able sign up for which one you want to attend. Please stay tuned! If you have any questions, please email the Membership Committee at saltanovitz@gmail.com. Let us break bread together!

ULC MEETINGS NEXT WEEK, March 4 - 8:

Monday, March 4 – 9:00 a.m., Monday Morning Maintenance Crew, whole church

Tuesday, March 5 – 12:00 p.m., Tenants meeting, library

Wednesday, March 6 – 11:00 a.m., Ash Wednesday Service, chapel

7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service, sanctuary

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

Friday, March 8 – 3:30 p.m., Quilters, Room 208

ATTENDANCE was 89 last Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE: **Altar Guild** – Kathy Lachata-Oakley & Nona Taylor; **Acolytes** – Jaydn Sandstrom & Natalie Crouner; **Asst. Minister** – Theresa Lehan-Anderson; **Children’s Message:** Pastor Sue Schneider; **Communion Assts.** – Darleen Atik, Nona Taylor, Janice & Larry Gockel; **Lectors** – Mary Denny & Van Hutton; **Ushers** – Mark & Mary Hillman, Merle Overland; **Greeters** – Samantha DeAbreu; **Fellowship Hour:** Michel & Ruth Ann Rouse; **Counters** – Larry Gockel & Katie Saltanovitz; **Courtesy Driver** – Scott Davies.