

Sunday, January 7, 2024 - The Baptism of Our Lord

University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Arhiana Shek Dill

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand.

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our rock and refuge,

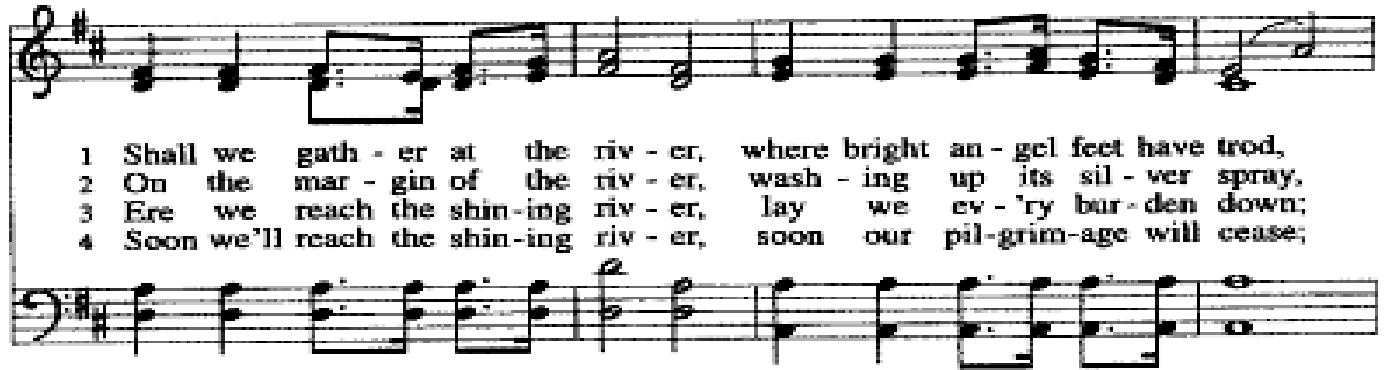
C **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

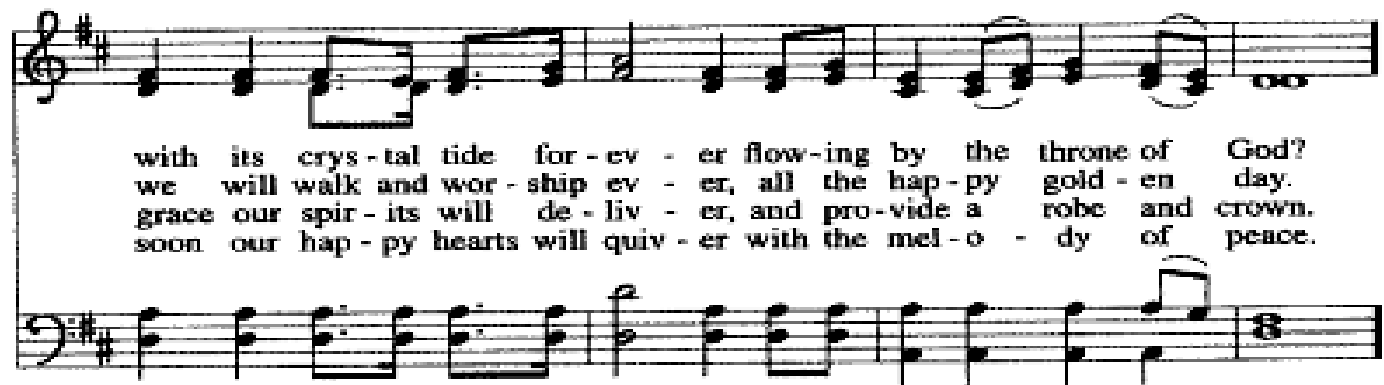
C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

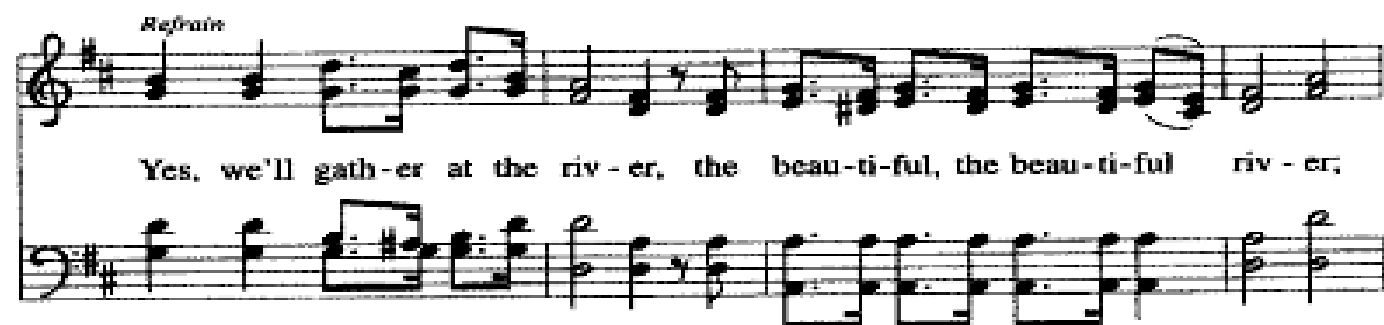


1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

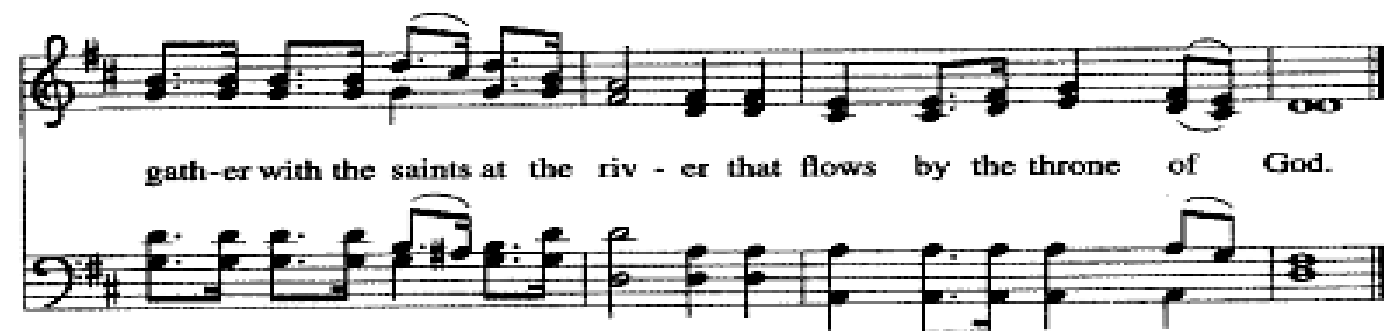


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er,



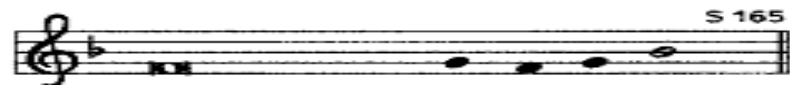
gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

GREETING

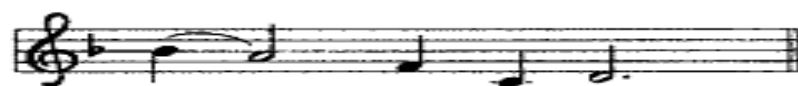
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

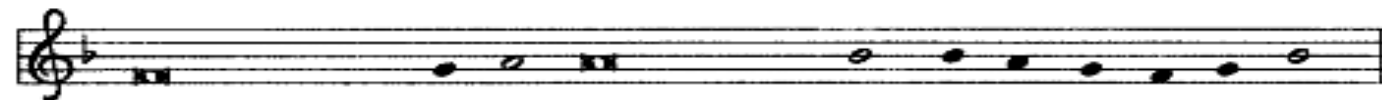
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



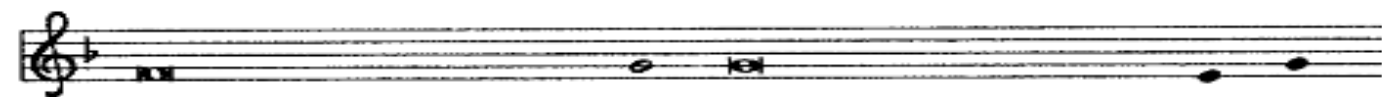
Lord, have mer - cy.



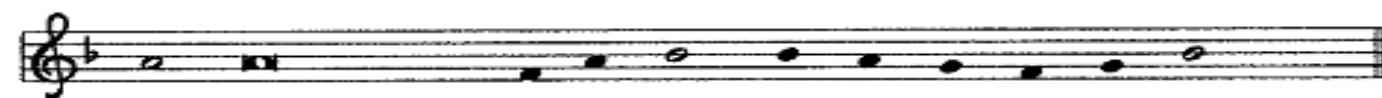
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



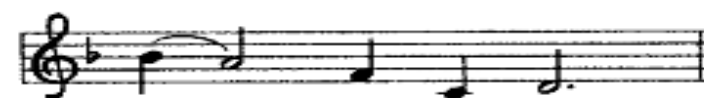
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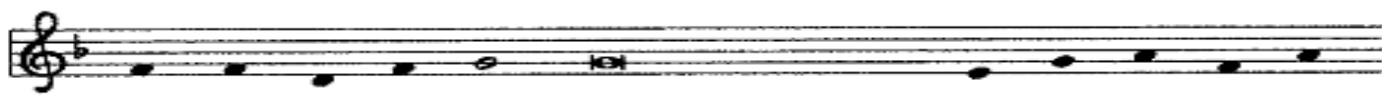
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



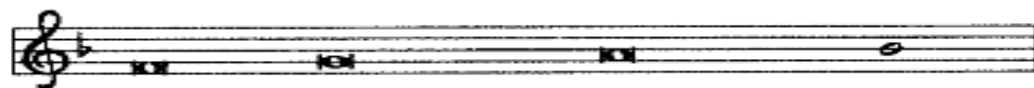
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

SONG OF PRAISE

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



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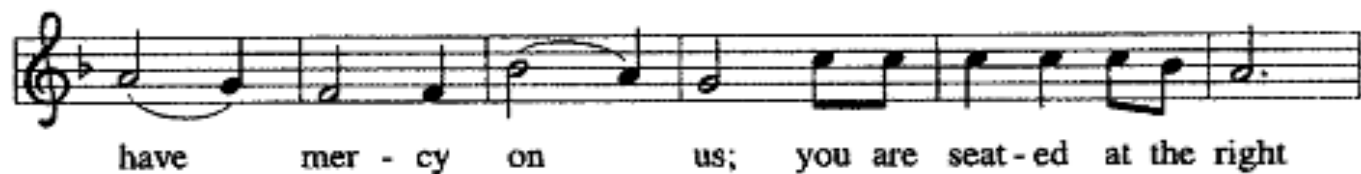


high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

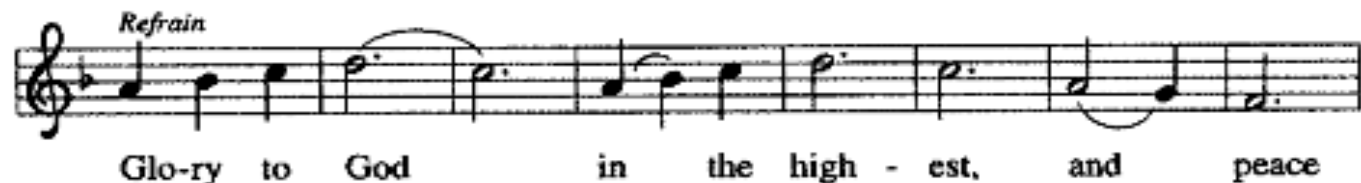


have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

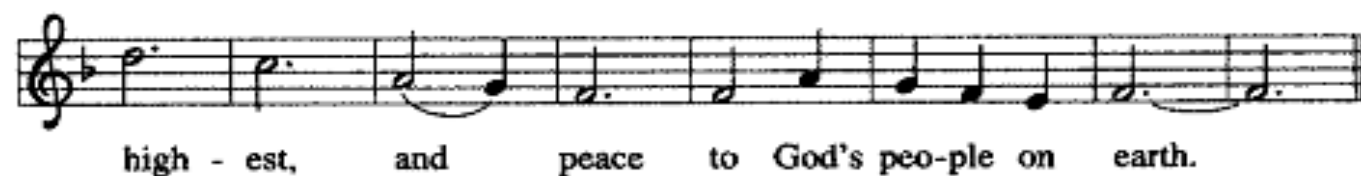
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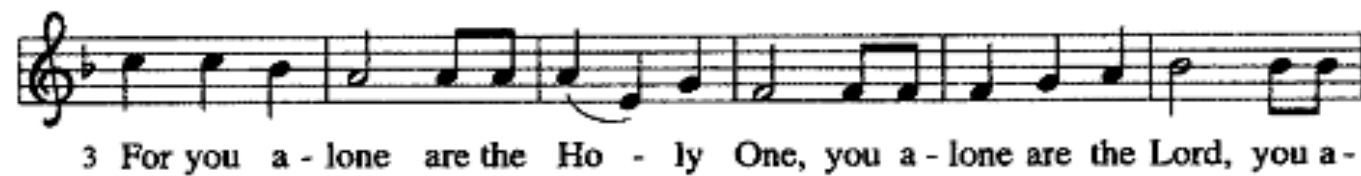
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to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

PSALM

Psalm 29

The Psalm will be sung responsively.



¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD

is a | voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the
ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like
a | young wild ox.**

⁷The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes
the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests
bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits
enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the
bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

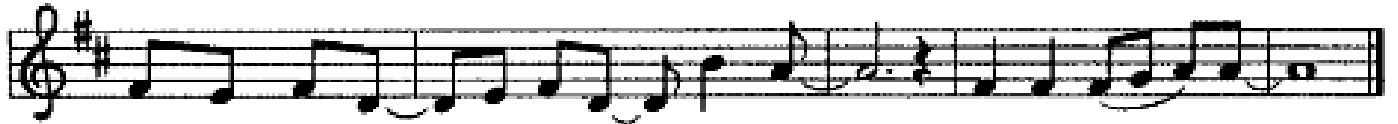
Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED



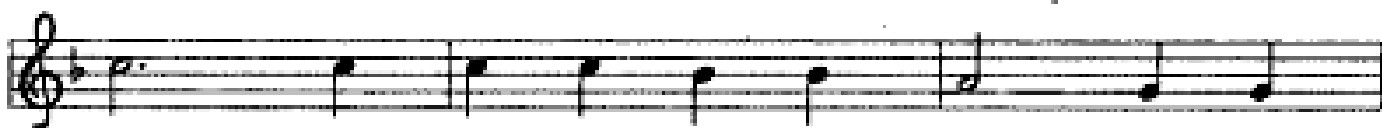
1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
pre - cious in your sight.
hill to val - ley flow.
king - dom with out end.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers the Pastor will say:

P God of grace,

The congregation will respond with:

C receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

(We will remain where we are and not shake hands. A simple bow, nod of the head, or even small wave to one another will work to acknowledge one another.)

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

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 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,

heav - en 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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 covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

We invite to the Table of the Lord all followers of Jesus.

Lutherans affirm that around this table through bread and wine Christ Jesus is present with us. We offer communion with individual cups for wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers also available.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

INSTALLATION OF INTERIM PASTOR ARHIANA SHEK DILL

Congregation President Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill has been recommended by the Office of the Bishop and affirmed by the Congregation Council of University Lutheran Church. The Council met on December 12, 2023 to interview this pastor and we believe that she possesses the gifts necessary to guide this congregation through the transition process. I will now read the interim agreement between Pastor Arhiana and this congregation.

Agreement is read by Congregation President

Congregation President Is it also your understanding of this agreement?

Pastor Arhiana It is, and I commit myself to this new trust and responsibility. I promise to fulfill my responsibilities here to the best of my ability in accordance with the scripture, with the Lutheran Confessions, and the Constitution of the ELCA. Will you as a congregation receive me as your pastor and partner in ministry as we seek God's call for us in this interim period?

Congregation We will.

Congregation President Welcome, Pastor Arhiana. We now officially begin our partnership in this interim ministry in the name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor Arhiana Let us pray. Almighty God, you call your people in baptism into death and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ. You turn us from the old life of sin and gave us rebirth and everlasting life. May we be renewed daily by the gift of your Holy Spirit and may we be especially aware of your leading in this interim period. Grant us faithfulness and peace in all that we do that you might be glorified among us. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation Amen.

BENEDICTION

P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

SENDING

P Christ the Savior is Born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Interim Pastor	Arhiana Shek Dill
Music Director	Elizabeth Tomboulian
Vocal Lead	Ray Kimball
Altar Care	Kristin Tollefson
Communion Assistants	Jacob Hilliker Beth Wootten
Lector	Layna Taylor
Usher/Greeter	Beth Wootten
Live Stream	Alexander Webber

OFFERING

For your safety and convenience, an offering plate is placed at the church entrance for your financial gifts to the ministry of Christ through University Lutheran Church/ Lutheran Campus Ministry. You can also donate online on our website:

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ULC also has text giving! Text your donation to: 480-878-7977. Thank you!

WELCOME

We welcome our Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill to University Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

University Lutheran Church is a Reconciling Works Church. We are a welcoming environment for all of God's people regardless of race, situation, familial status, sexuality, gender, size, shape, gender identity, and place in this world.



THIS WEEK AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

Sun, Jan 7	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
Mon, Jan 8		ASU SPRING 2024 CLASSES START
Tues, Jan 9	6:30 pm	Council Meeting (Campus Center/Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, Jan 10	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center/Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Dinner (Campus Center/Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Thurs, Jan 11	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)

LCM MEALS

ASU Spring classes start tomorrow and LCM returns on Wednesday, January 10th for the Spring 2024 semester. Sign ups are on the moving bulletin board. If you don't want to cook, gift cards to Safeway and Fry's are also appreciated. Thank you!

CHOIR

Choir returns on January 21, 2024 with rehearsal at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining our choir, please contact our music director, Elizabeth Tomboulain, at ulc.choir@gmail.com Thank you!

FORUMS

We are looking for a volunteer to schedule forums. Forums are September-May (the first Sunday after Labor Day through the second Sunday in May).

We currently have a forum scheduled for January 21st at 9:15 am. University Lutheran Church (ULC) member, Ray Kimball, will present information on the current Make Election Fair initiative. He is a registered volunteer canvasser for the initiative.

If you're interested in presenting a forum or volunteering to schedule forums, please contact the office:

info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543.

THANK YOU!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for people to help with worship and to provide refreshments after worship. Please sign-up on the moving bulletin board or contact the office: info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543. Thank you!

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to Katherine Stevens who will be providing refreshments after worship today and providing the meal for the LCM students on Wednesday, January 10th.

A very special thank you, also, to Art & Lynn Becker who will be providing the LCM meal on Sunday, January 14th.

