

Sunday, April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



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PRELUDE

WELCOME

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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, the wellspring of grace, our
Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what
God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the
beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became
the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with
the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you
opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as
Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise
to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy. —————

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live
your Word... (Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, ——— O God.

Congregation:

A - - - men.

SONG OF PRAISE

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -

er - more!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, whose blood has freed and

nit - ed us to be one great

peo - ple of God. *to Refrain*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

for - ev - er. *to Refrain*

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.


¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? — You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia! —

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill

Silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please stand when the Hymn of the Day begins.

HYMN OF THE DAY

YOU ARE THE VINE

CHORUS

♩ = 85

D Em7/D D/F# G D/A

You are the vine, we are the branch - es. Keep us a -

6 G/A Em7 A9sus A D Em7/D D/F#

bid - ing in You. You are the vine, we are the

VERSE

12 G D/A G/A A6 A D Am7 C/D D7 Gmaj7

branch - es. Keep us a - bid - ing in You. And we'll go And we'll

18 Em7 A7 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 A7 Dmaj9

go in Your love. in Your love. And we'll go in Your name. in Your

24 Am7 C/D D Gmaj7 Em7 A7 F#m7 Bm7

name. That the world will sure - ly know that You have
That the world will sure - ly know

29 E9sus E9 E Em7 A D Em7/D D/F#

pow - er to heal and to save. You are the vine, we are the

36 (I) G D/A G/A A6 A D Em7/D D Em7/D C/D D

branch - es. Keep us a - bid - ing in You. And we'll

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the

Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

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

P God of grace,

The congregation will respond with:

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

(We have re-introduced shaking hands for the exchange of peace. If you are uncomfortable shaking hands—that is okay. The choice is yours. A nod, simple bow, small wave, or a handshake is all appropriate. Please be respectful of everyone’s choice. Thank you.)

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

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

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and". The second staff continues: "might;— Heav - en and earth are filled with your". The third staff: "glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the". The fourth staff: "One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the". The fifth and final staff: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!". The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might;— Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **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 The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

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

Congregation:



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



world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,

Final time:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of mending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

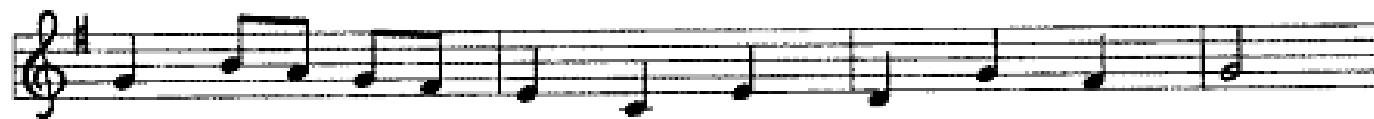
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the fore - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -
 fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise
 till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To
 for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

SENDING

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Interim Pastor	Arhiana Shek Dill
Music Director	Elizabeth Tomboulian
Vocal Lead	Dylan Weeks
Altar Care	Kristin Tollefson
Communion Assistants	Jacob Hilliker Beth Wootten
Lector	Taina Diaz-Reyes
Usher/Greeter	Gail Fisher
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!

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE COMING NEXT MONTH!

We do change time in Arizona! We will be starting Sunday worship at 9:00 am starting Sunday, May 12th!

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to Ascension Lutheran Church in Paradise Valley and Arno and Martha Leskinen providing the student meal today.

THIS WEEK AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

Sun, April 28	9:15 am	Forum (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
	11:45 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center Library/Grab N Go)
Tues, April 30	6:30 pm	ASU Navigators
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, May 1	12:00 pm	CORA (Episcopal Campus Ministry)
	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center or via Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center or Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Thurs, May 2	12:00 pm	Page Turner's Book Club (Campus Center Library)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)

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.



HUNGER LEADERS NETWORK

The congregation is invited to join our Hunger Leaders Network! The network is run through the synod and it is a meeting place for everyone interested in or working on hunger relief across Arizona and Nevada. We learn from churchwide and community partners about various projects, and we share about our own ministries. It's a great way to swap ideas and workshop solutions, and it is open to anyone who wants to learn with us! We meet on the last Tuesday of the month, from 6-7 pm, so there is a meeting coming up on the 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Autumn Byars. Thank you.

LCM BBQ

Join us for our graduation BBQ on Sunday, May 5th, following the 10:30 am service. We will be serving up grilled goods in the Campus Center and the back patio (weather permitting) and celebrating our graduating students. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend!

Please RSVP to the office (info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543) by Thursday, May 2nd with the number of people in your party attending. Thank you!

PAGE TURNER'S BOOK CLUB

The last meeting of the Page Turner's Book Club for this semester will be May 2 at 12 noon in the campus center library. Jean Park will lead our discussion of "Illegally Yours: A Memoir" by Rafael Agustin. Both fiction and nonfiction are included on our reading list. We meet on the first Thursday of each month during the academic year. You are welcome to bring your lunch if you like and join us in May.