# University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



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### Prelude

### Welcome

Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill

# CALL TO WORSHIP

- P We are called to live a life worthy of the gift of the grace of God.
- C We should be humble and gentle. We should be patient, bearing everyone in love.
- P There is One Body and One Spirit. We share
- C One Lord
- P One Faith
- C One Baptism
- P One God and Creator of all
- C We are all children of God. We are called to live a life worthy of the gift of the grace of God.

Please stand.

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

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P It is in our confession that we realize and acknowledge our desire for God and our trust in God's mercy. It is in admitting the difficult and messy truth of our lives and of the world that we take our first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us join in our confession, first in silent prayer.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P God of Grace,
- C We have been unkind. In our anxiety and fear, we have turned against one another. We distrust and devalue one another. We have reduced those we once loved to little more than which "side" they are on. We have learned to see each other as enemies instead of neighbors and friends. Forgive us, God, and teach us what it means to repent.
- P In the midst of anger and accusations,
- C Teach us to listen and seek to understand.
- P In the midst of division and deception,
- C Teach us to be kind and true.
- P May we not avoid our differences in the name of "keeping the peace,"
- C But by the help of your Spirit, help us to love one another through our differences, calling forth a true peace, your peace, that heals, restores, and reconciles us all to one another, destroying walls and building bridges as living instruments of your love to all the world.

For the sake of Jesus, our brother and friend. Amen.

- P Beloveds, hear this good news. God's love is uniting and reconciling all of creation and you are included in that love. Hear now that you have already been forgiven. And in that forgiveness, you are freed to love and serve others as you have first been loved.
- C Amen.

### **OPENING HYMN**

GOD IS HERE!

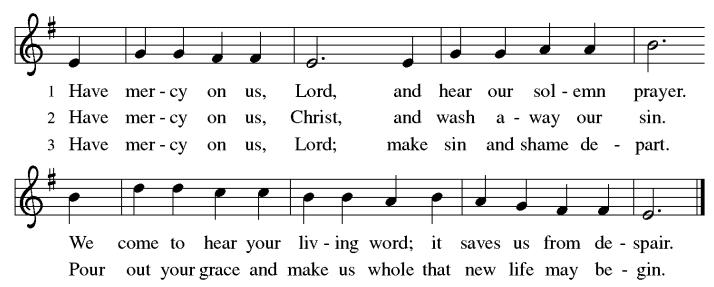




### GREETING

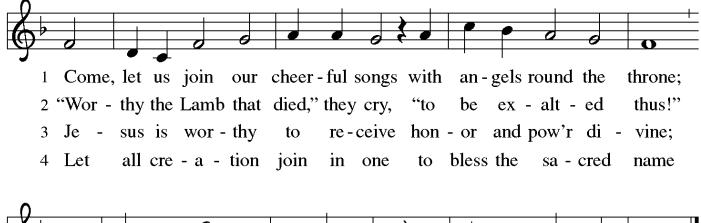
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

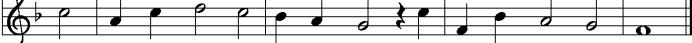
**Kyrie** 



Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

#### Song of Praise





ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!" and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine. of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P O Lord God, help us to not rely on our own righteousness or the righteousness of others, but on your righteousness alone. For you alone are the one who leads us in truth and through you alone do we receive the salvation that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

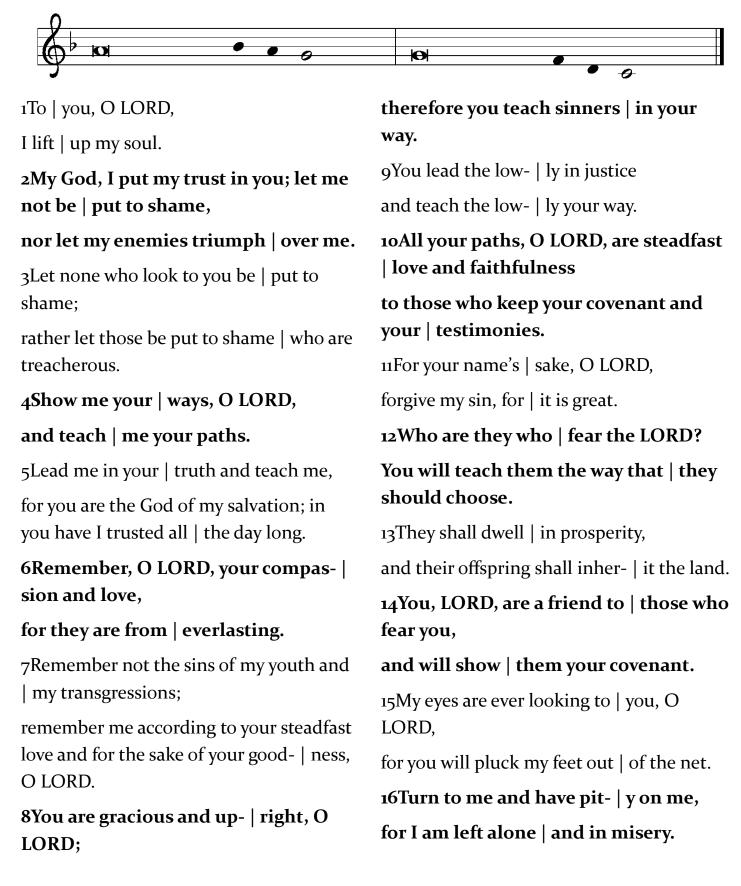
# FIRST READING

#### Ruth 2:8-13

<sup>8</sup>Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. <sup>9</sup>Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." <sup>10</sup>Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" <sup>11</sup>But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. <sup>12</sup>May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" <sup>13</sup>Then she said, "May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants."

# PSALM

The Psalm will be sung responsively.



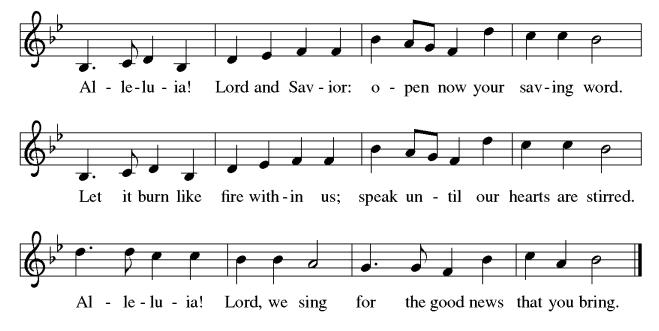
17The sorrows of my heart | have increased; bring me out | of my troubles. 18Look upon my adversi- | ty and misery and forgive me | all my sin. 19Look upon my enemies, for | they are many, and they bear a violent ha- | tred against me. 20Protect my life and de- | liver me; let me not be put to shame, for I have trust- | ed in you. 21Let integrity and upright- | ness preserve me, for my hope has | been in you. 22Deliver Isra- | el, O God, out of | all its troubles.

### SECOND READING

#### Philippians 2:1-15

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without murmuring and arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Please be seated.

# Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the eighteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

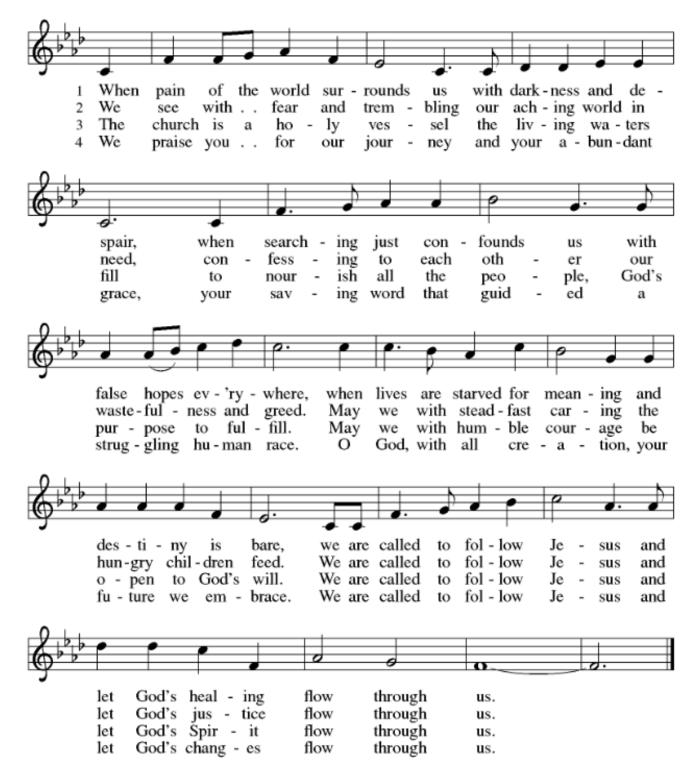
<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** WHEN PAIN OF THE WORLD SURROUNDS US



### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 Trusting in the kindness of God, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.
- A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers the Pastor will say:
- P Lord, in your mercy,

The congregation will respond with:

#### C Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
- C Amen.

# THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "Peace be with you." or similar words.

# **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance:

All good gifts come from your kindness. We offer you this bread, wine, and money, the harvest of our time and labor. Make us wise stewards of all your gifts, and good neighbors to all so that your name may be exalted in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Remembrance of the Meal**

God of the Light and Life,

You have brought us this far along our journey and we trust in your continued presence.

In times of hardship and trial, you have not abandoned us, but you guide us into the path of love and light.

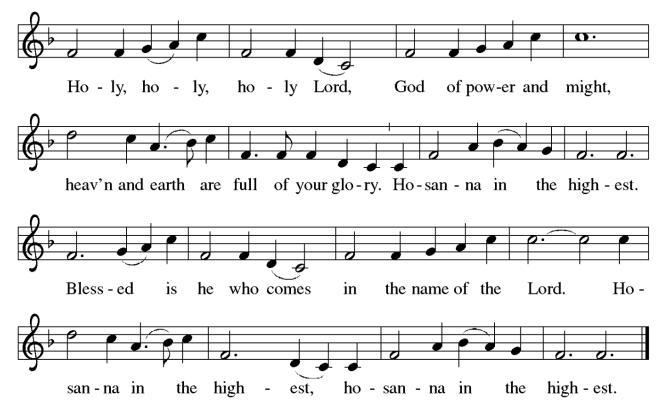
In every age you have sent your prophets, to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In this season, you meet us through the reconciliation of your spirit and remind us of your unwavering faithfulness and mercy.

And so with all of your people, from all corners of the earth, and with the multitudes of the heavens, we lift our voices and join in the unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P God of Mercy and Abundance, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant, Jesus, to preach words of hope to those who suffer, to share meals with the outcasts and the despised, and to free those enslaved by prejudice and sin.

On the night before he died, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and he broke it. He gave it to his friends 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 is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the promise of new life. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup, we remember Jesus's life among us; his friendship with the outcasts, his eating with the sinners. His healing for the sick, his care for the poor.

God, send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become a holy communion, the body of Christ in the world.

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 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

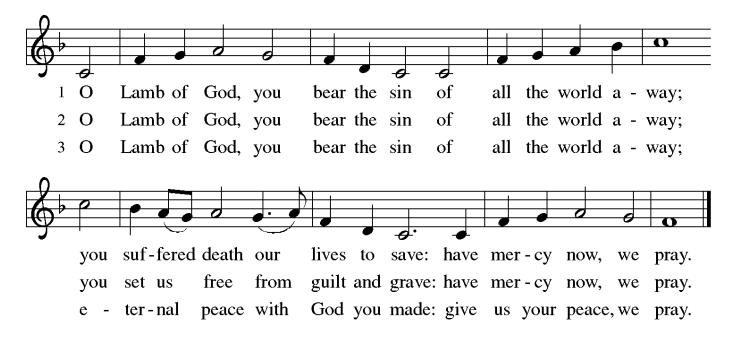
#### C Amen.

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. Glutenfree wafers also available.

# LAMB OF GOD



# THE DISTRIBUTION

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

#### **BE THOU MY VISION**



# **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

- p Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to share your love and kindness with others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BENEDICTION**

P Beloveds, as we leave this time together, may we be reminded that God is with us.

Where hearts are fearful and constricted, may God grant courage and hope.

Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and assurance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination.

Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings of love and compassion.

Holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Unifier, 🛛 bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

This Little Light of Mine



# Sending

- P Go in peace. Try to be kind to one another.
- C We will. Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

Today in Worship		
Pastor	Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill	
Music Director	Elizabeth Tomboulian	
Vocal Lead	Paul Westermann	
Altar Care	Beth Wootten	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Jacob Hilliker & Taína Diaz-Reyes	
Lector	Taína Diaz-Reyes	
Greeter	Gail Fisher	
Live Stream	Alexander Webber	

#### **OFFERING**

For your convenience, an offering box is placed at the church entrance for your financial gifts to the ministry of Christ through University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry. You can also donate online on our website: www.ulctempe.org ULC also has text giving! Text your donation to: 480-878-7977. Thank you!

#### THIS WEEK AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

Sun, Oct 139:15 amForum (Campus Center Library)10:30 amSunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)11:30 amCoffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)NO STUDENT MEAL (Fall Break)

### THIS WEEK AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & CAMPUS MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

Tue, Oct 15	6:30 pm	Council Meeting (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, Oct 16	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center/Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Thu, Oct 17	6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, Oct 20	9:15 am	Forum (Campus Center Library)
	10:00 am	Blood Drive—PLEASE DONATE (Campus Center)
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
	11:45 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center)

#### ANNUAL REPORT AND TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

Copies of the Annual Report were emailed (or mailed) to Congregation Members on September 30th and the Transition Team Report on September 24th. If you haven't received these, please check your spam folder. If you still can't find it, please contact the front office and let us know at 480-967-3543 or at info@ulctempe.org. Extra copies are available at the front office.

#### STUDENT MEALS—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." - John 21:17. Providing meals to college students is an important part of our ministry. During the academic year, we provide Sunday lunch and Wednesday dinner to students, as well as stocking a food pantry in our Campus Center.

Some of the volunteer slots for providing student meals are still open: Wednesday, Dec 4, and Sundays, Nov 10—Dec 8. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, we are accepting those as well! Please sign up on the mobile bulletin board or by contacting the front office at info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543. For more information, please visit our ulctempe.org/lcm-meals page. You can also contact Katherine Stevens or Dylan Weeks if you have any questions. Thank you!

#### PAGE TURNER'S BOOK CLUB

Are you an Agatha Christie fan? You might enjoy our next meeting. Bring your favorite or most recently-read Christie novel when the **Page Turner's Book Club** meets on November 7th. In October, we read a detailed biography about the 'Queen of Crime.' Our next meeting will feature a short work attributed to Mary Westmacott (one of Christie's pen names). We will also have a round-robin discussion about other Christie novels chosen by our attendees. This very informal group meets on the first Thursday of each month during the academic year. Bring your lunch, and join us in the Campus Center Library at 12 noon on November 7th.

#### November 7, 2024: "Absent in the Spring" by Mary Westmacott (aka Agatha Christie) (1944) (Dena)

"If you had nothing but yourself to think about, what would you find out about yourself?" Agatha Christie, writing as Mary Westmacott, penned this little book in only four days to explore this question. "Famous for her ingenious crime books and plays, Agatha Christie also wrote about crimes of the heart in six bittersweet and very personal novels, as compelling and memorable as the best of her work." (from book jacket). Christie considered this: "The one book that has satisfied me completely—the book I always wanted to write."

~ Dena Trangsrud

Our remaining selection for Fall 2024:

December 5, 2024

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"Roughing It" by Mark Twain (1872)
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Coming up in January:

January 2, 2025

"The Last Ride of the Pony Express: My 2,000-mile Horseback Journey into the Old West" by Will Grant (2023)

#### WEST VALLEY YOUNG ADULTS EVENT AT THE STATE FAIR

On Friday, October 25th, 5-10 pm, young adults throughout the greater Phoenix will be getting together at the Arizona State Fair for a night of fun, food, and new friends. The night will consist of strolling the midway and enjoying fair food, attractions, live music, and entertainment.

October 25th will be offering "free" admission from 12-6 pm with a donation of 10 canned or non-perishable food items. Donations will benefit Operation Santa Claus and St. Mary's Food Bank. The following items will NOT be accepted: bottled water, soda, baby food, seasoning packets, Ramen noodles, "Cup O' Noodles", nor items in glass containers.

The weather is finally turning the corner as we transition into Fall! Come celebrate the new season with West Valley Young Adults.

#### FORUMS

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15-10:15 for lively conversation at our Forums. We meet in the Campus Center Library.

In October, we will continue our Bible series on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12). For this Bible Study, we are using the book *How's Your Attitude: A Study of the Beatitudes* by Juanita Purcell. We have copies of the book for those who plan to participate in the series. We will also have handouts available at each Forum. This summer, we started the series by discussing, "What are the Beatitudes and Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Lesson 2).

October 13 - Blessed are they that mourn (Lesson 3)

October 20 - Blessed are the meek (Lesson 4)

October 27 - Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness (Lesson 5)

#### MOST IMPORTANT QUALITIES IN OUR NEXT PASTOR

We had a great session on Sunday, September 29th, where attendees could voice their needs and desires for characteristics of our new pastor. If you couldn't attend, fear not! You can use the link below to give us the same feedback. The survey is short and should not take more than 10 minutes of your time:

#### https://forms.gle/VvZiFg9p1U4Xz17G9

We would be grateful for your responses so we can move forward with the drafting of the Ministry Site Profile, a critical step in the call process.

Yours in Christ,

The Transition Team (Scott Boyden, Kristin Tollefson, Erin Smythe, Ray Kimball, and Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill)

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

We will be hosting another blood drive on Sunday, October 20th, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Campus Center. Watch your email for details. We will need a few volunteers to help the day of the drive. Please contact Amanda at info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543 if you are interested.

#### If you would like to donate blood, please go to:

#### https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ulctempe

The drive is open to everyone-so let your friends and family know; post on your social media.

Save a life; donate blood! Thank you!

*Life–A precious gift from God.* —Psalm 139:14

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.

