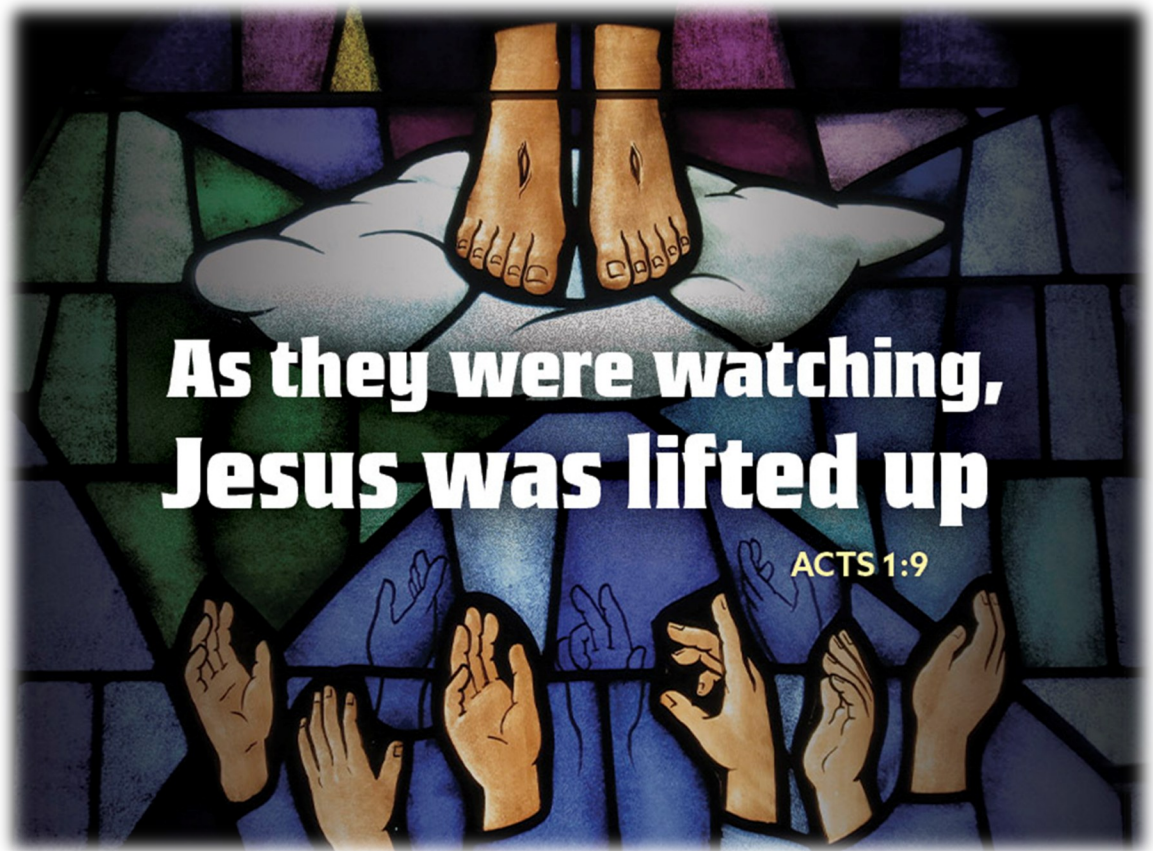


May 17, 2026—Ascension of Our Lord

University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:00 AM Worship Service



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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Guest Pastor Tim Brown

Please rise... in body, or spirit, or both.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C Amen.

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us, including the Salt and Verde Rivers. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
on this terrestrial ball we at his feet may fall!
to him all majesty ascribe We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all. and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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GREETING

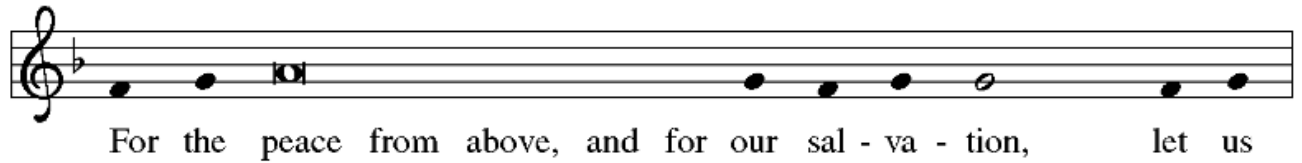
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE



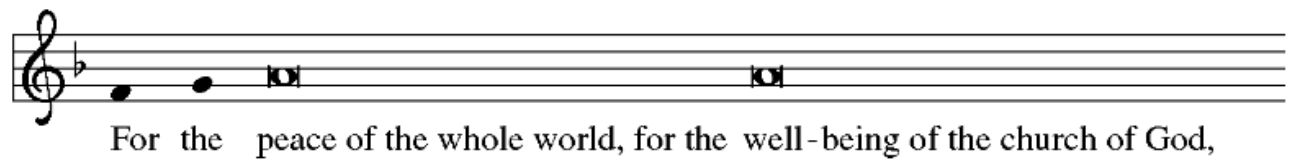
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



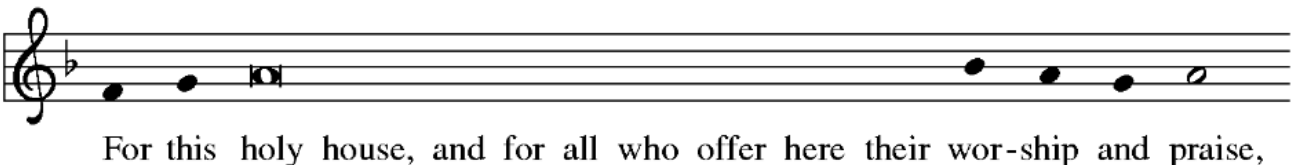
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



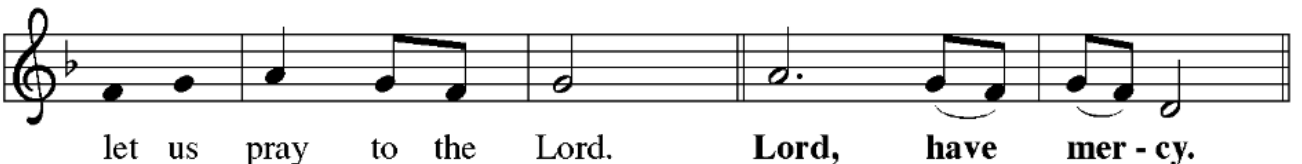
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



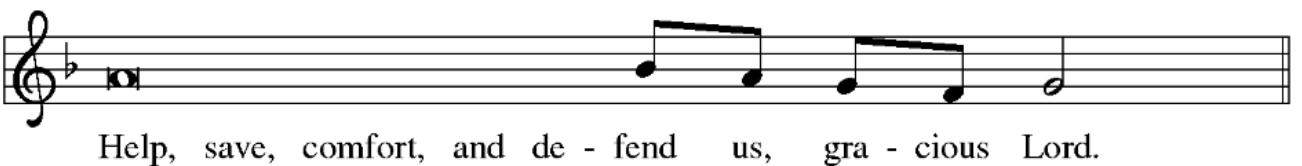
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy 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, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

GLORY



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 - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



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



Glo-ry to God in the 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



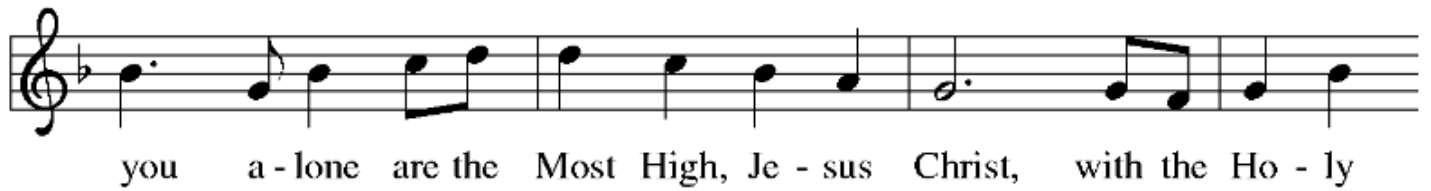
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



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,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

ACTS 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

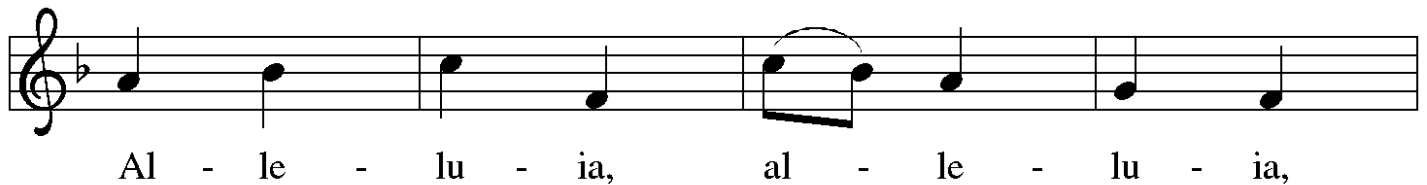
SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

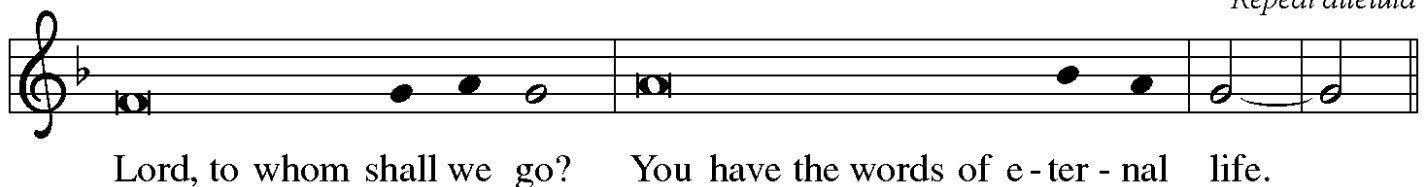
¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Please rise... in body, or spirit, or both.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL

LUKE 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴ [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Guest Pastor Tim Brown

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Please rise in body, or spirit, or both when the Hymn of the Day begins.

HYMN OF THE DAY

BEFORE THE ANCIENT ONE, CHRIST STANDS



1 Be - fore the An - cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and
2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in
3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the



bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and
hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his
prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and



thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and
glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -
serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions



pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,
ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.
clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence
Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the
you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the



of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and
tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -
great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -



might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.
claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.
main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

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 & 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, & the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers, the Pastor says:

P Merciful God,

The congregation responds:

C receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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.

Please rise, in body, or spirit, or both.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite all followers of Jesus to give an offering for the mission of the church through our website at ulctempe.org or by placing it in the offering box near the entrance of the Sanctuary.

OFFERING PRAYER

C **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

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 & 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P 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.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, 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 Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord. **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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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SENDING

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Guest Pastor	Rev. Tim Brown
Music Director	Elizabeth Tomboulian
Vocal Lead	TBD
Altar Care	Kristin Tollefson
Greeter	Terry Anderson
Reader	Taina Diaz-Reyes
Communion Assistants	Beth Wootten Kristin Tollefson
Livestream	Alexander Webber

OFFERING

For your convenience, an offering box is located near 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: 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, May 17	10:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary/Livestream)
	11:00 AM	Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
	11:00 AM	Meet & Greet With Pr. Jose Valenzuela (Campus Center)
Tue, May 19	6:30 PM	ULC Council Meeting (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	8:00 PM	AA (Campus Center)
Thu, May 21	6:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
	8:00 PM	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, May 24		DAY OF PENTECOST (Wear red if you'd like)
		MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
	10:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary/Livestream)
	11:00 AM	Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
Mon, May 25		MEMORIAL DAY
Tue, May 26	1-3 PM	Art Becker's Celebration of Life (Scottsdale Community College —Indigenous Cultural Center)

MEET & GREET WITH PR. JOSE TODAY

The Church Council is excited to announce that we are moving along in the call process with a new candidate!

The Rev. Jose Valenzuela has been a pastor for 17 years, and while serving in his most recent part-time call in the Valley, he started a counseling service at **chaplainjose.com**. He is an Arizona native, and he is married with two adult children and two dogs. In his free time, he enjoys mountain biking, travel, airplanes, and new experiences.

Pastor Jose will be staying for refreshments today after worship to meet the congregation. Please join us, and head on over to the Campus Center to mingle and ask questions!

Finally, we will be holding a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 31st, following Sunday worship to decide whether to call Pastor Jose to our congregation and to confirm his compensation package.

We thank you for all your patience and support in the call process, and we hope everyone has a chance to meet Pastor Jose.

Summer Connections

The weather is heating up again, and it's time to get ready for Summer Connections, a casual gathering at someone's home, a community room, or the church to get together, share a meal, and stay cool. We plan to meet twice each month during June & July, usually on a **Wednesday at 6 PM**.

The main dish and beverages are provided by the host. Everyone else is invited to bring a side dish, dessert, bag of chips, etc., as you are able. We have plenty to share and would love your company, even if you come foodless. **Here is the schedule so far:**

- **June 10:** Hosted by Lori Zurcher, Terry Anderson, & Beth Wootten (Campus Center)
- **June 24:** Hosted by Ray & Mindy Kimball (Campus Center)
- **July 29:** Hosted by Dena & Jim Trangsrud and Jerry & Jean Park (Campus Center)

Thanks to Beth Wootten for coordinating this. **If you would like to host a Summer Connection on any of the remaining open dates (July 1, July 15, or Aug 12), please contact Beth at bethwootten@hotmail.com or 480-459-0410.**



University Lutheran Church intends to provide a safe & welcoming environment for all of God's people, regardless of sexuality, gender identity, gender expression, life situation, race, family status, size, shape, & place in the world. We are committed to racial equity & justice for all God's children. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation registered with ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation. Thanks be to God for the blessings we have & the differences we share!



ART BECKER'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Art Becker passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 30.

Join us for a Celebration of Life on **Tuesday, May 26, 1-3 PM**, to be held at **Scottsdale Community College (9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale, 85256)** in the **Indigenous Cultural Center building**. More details to come as they become available. Please keep Lynn and the rest of the family in your prayers.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Bible Study is **Thurs, May 21, at 6 PM AZ time via Zoom**. We will be discussing [Session Two of "I AM: God's holy name and promise"](#) (led by Beth). It starts on page 24 of the March/April/May issue of *Gather*, a magazine of the women of the ELCA.

Session two—Gate and shepherd: Guiding and protecting us (John 10)

Session two builds on the theme of God's abiding love as we explore another dimension of I AM, God's holy name and promise: God's guidance and protection. Guidance and protection are the major themes of the famous "Good Shepherd" discourse in John 10, in which Jesus declares that he is both the good shepherd and the gate for the sheep. Our God who abides with us is also a God who moves with us—who knows us, protects us & leads us through the ups and downs of life.

If you would like to receive Women's Bible Study emails and Zoom link, please reach out to Amanda at info@ulctempe.org. All are welcome!

DIAKONIA PROGRAM: GROWING IN FAITH

The Growing In Faith/Diakonia Program proudly presents our "Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts" Retreat!

Answering these questions: What does God want of me? How am I to serve God? Do I have a spiritual gift? What is it? How am I to use it? What kind of ministry is God calling me to? Rev. Stewart McDonald will guide the students through exercises and discussion to help them learn and understand what their gifts are and feel more joy & confidence in how God might be inviting them to use these gifts.

Dates: 3 Saturdays in July—**July 11, 18, & 25 from 9:00 AM to Noon Arizona Time**

Class is online only. You will receive the Zoom link upon registration.

Registration Fee is \$40. Register at www.diakonia.education and navigate to Menu > Classes/Events > Upcoming Events

Our retreat leader is Rev. Stewart McDonald. A long-time Growing In Faith/Diakonia instructor, he has led this Spiritual Gifts retreat many times over the last 30 years with excellent results. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

