

August 23, 2026—Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:00 AM Worship Service



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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor José Valenzuela

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

**C we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING





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.

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Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

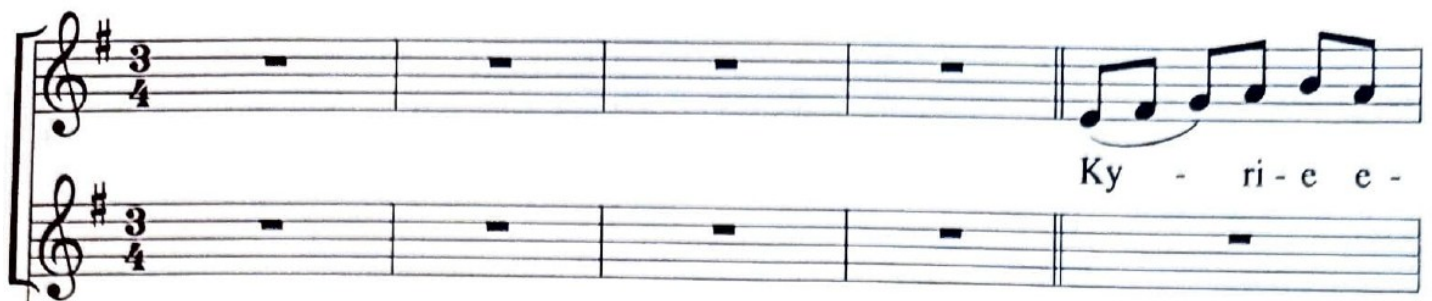
GREETING

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

Vocal Lead top staff; Congregation bottom staff.





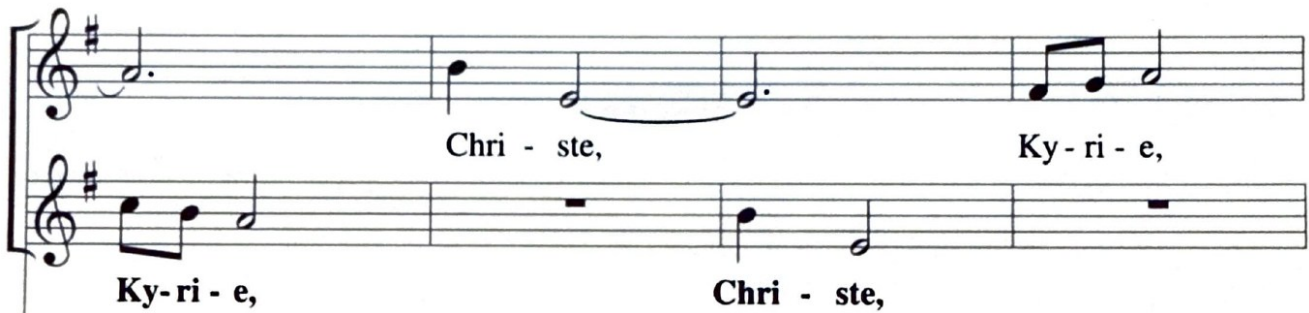
le - i - son. Chri - ste e -
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



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Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
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Ky-ri - e, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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Text: traditional
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GLORIA

E

Canon

1 Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, glo - ri - a. Glo-ri-a, glo - ri - a,

2 Glo - ria in ex - cel - sis De - o, in ex - cel - sis

3 - o, De - o, De - o, De - o, De - o in ex - cel-sis

E B⁷ E B E A

glo - ri - a.

glo - ri - a. 3 De -

glo - ri - a.

B E Repeat as needed End

PRAYER OF THE DAY

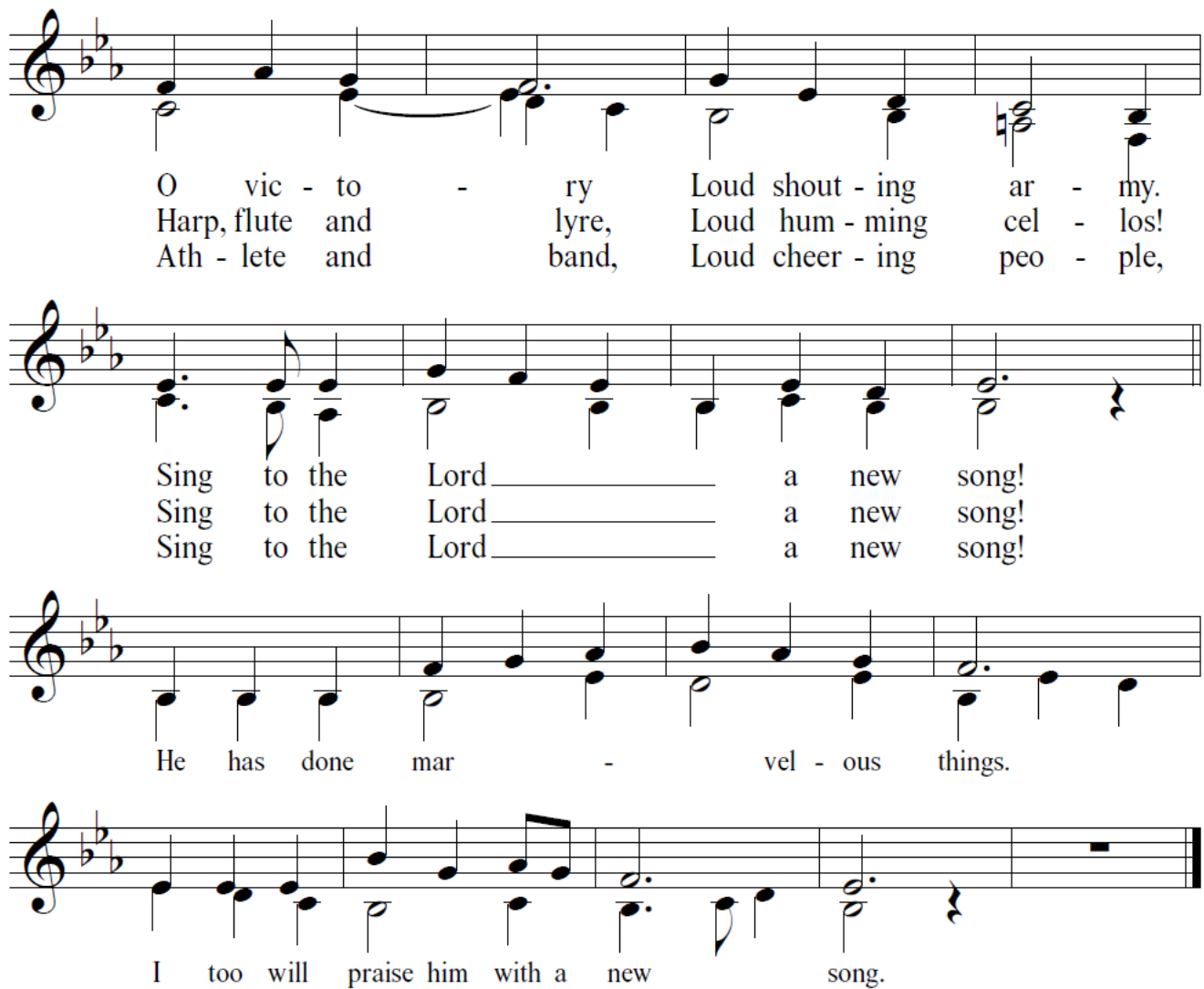
P O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

EARTH AND ALL STARS!

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2. Trum - pet and pipes, Loud crash - ing cym - bals!
 3. Class-rooms and labs, Loud boil - ing test tubes,

Sing to the Lord _____ a new song.
 Sing to the Lord _____ a new song.
 Sing to the Lord _____ a new song.



O vic - to - ry Loud shout - ing ar - my.
Harp, flute and lyre, Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Ath - lete and band, Loud cheer - ing peo - ple,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done mar - vel - ous things.
I too will praise him with a new song.

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Please be seated.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Psalm will be sung responsively.



**8 You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works |
of your hands.**

SECOND READING

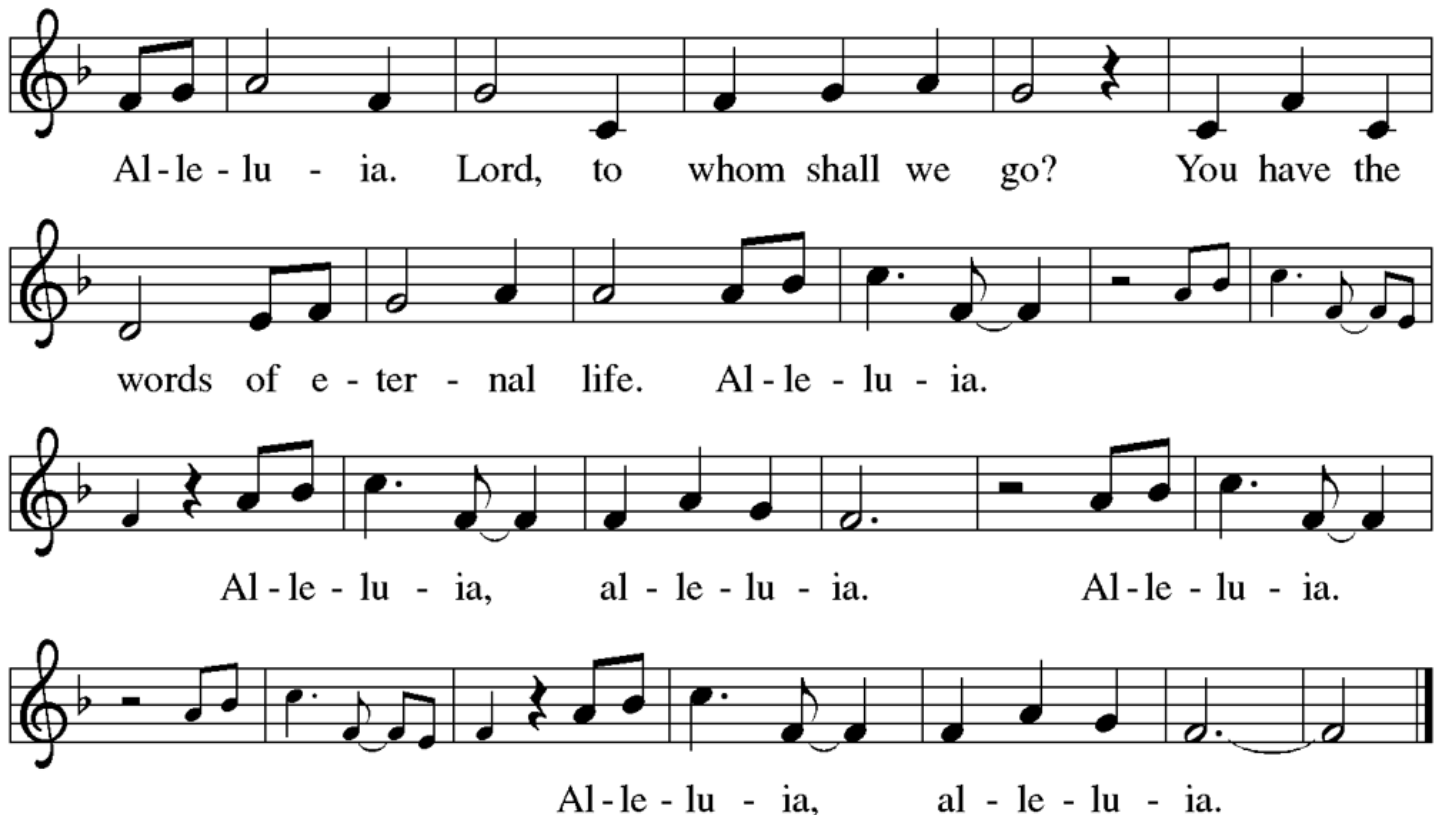
ROMANS 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor José Valenzuela

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

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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 With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's 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 Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this
we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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 & forever. Amen.**

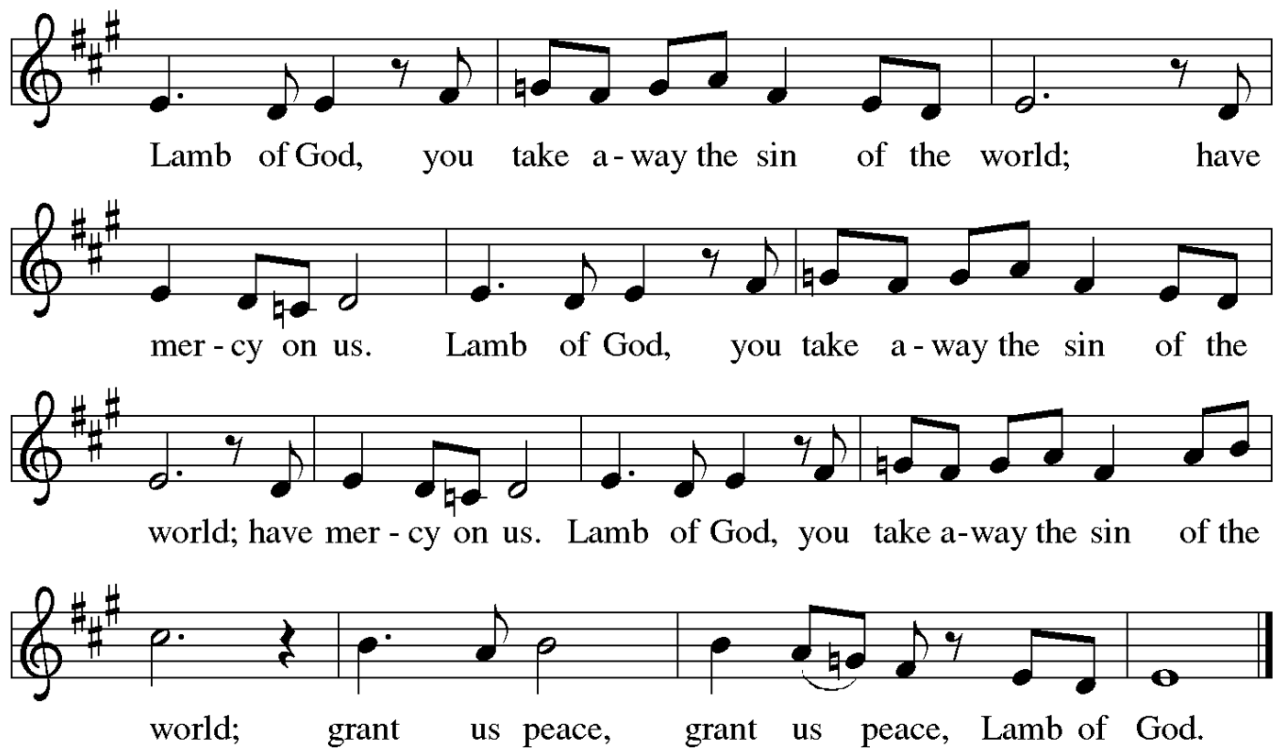
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! **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

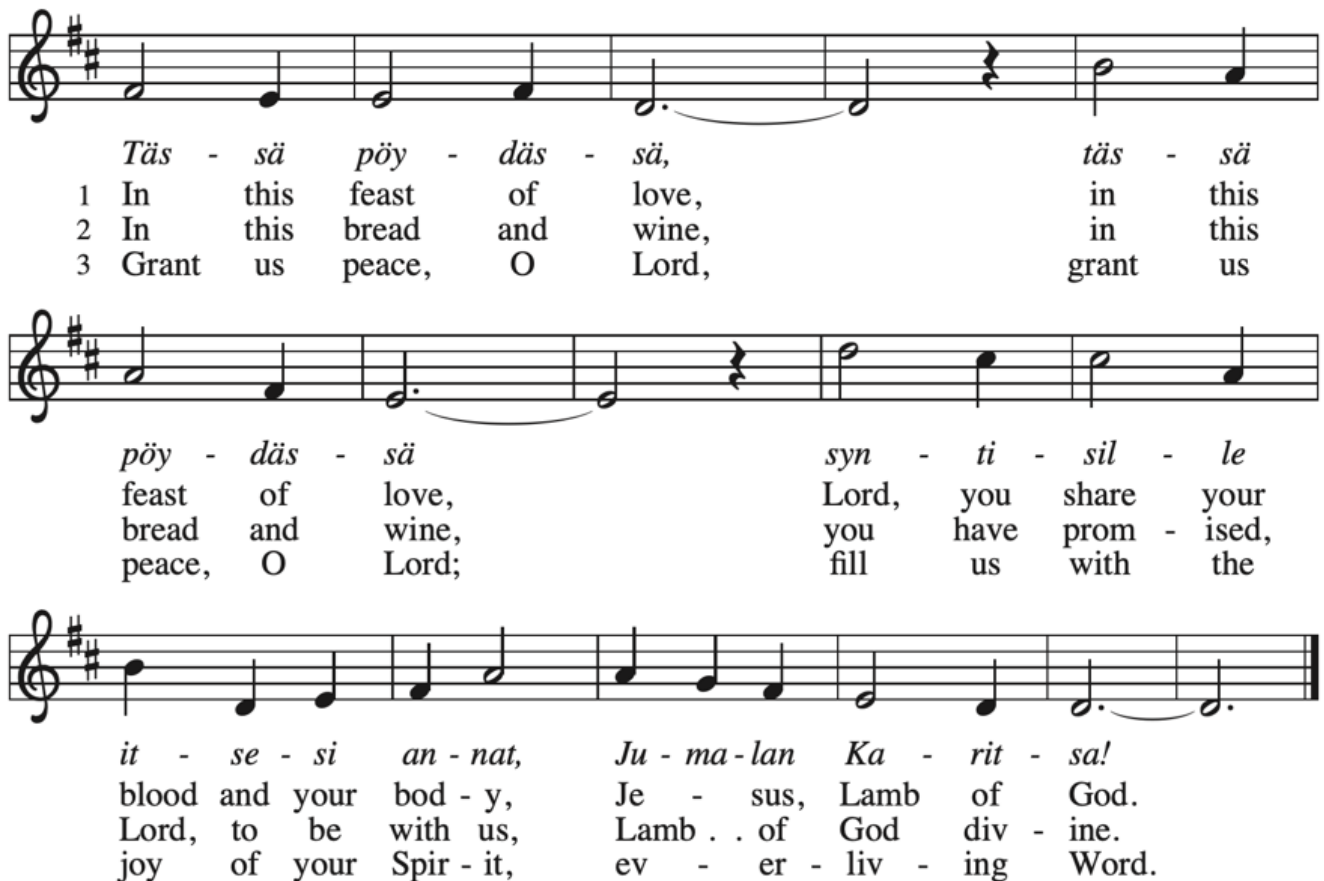


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

IN THIS FEAST OF LOVE



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us
pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom-ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the
it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread & wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now & forever. **Amen.**

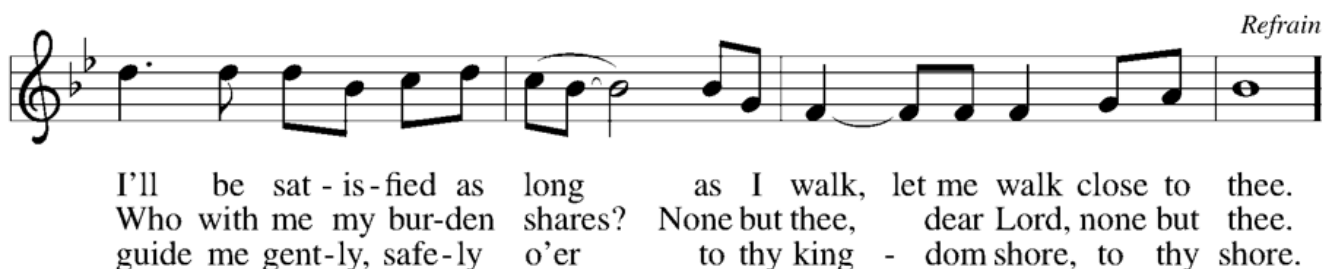
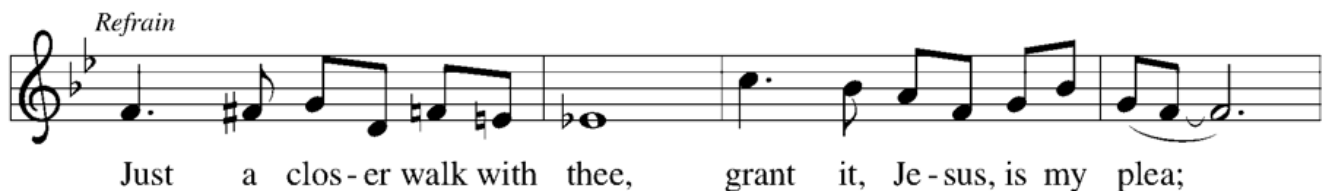
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE



SENDING

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Rev. José Valenzuela
Music Director	Elizabeth Tombouliau
Vocal Lead & Trumpet	Jacob Hilliker
Altar Care	Kristin Tollefson
Greeter	Gail Fisher
Reader	Autumn Byars
Communion Assistants	Kristin Tollefson Erin Crawford
Livestream	Alexander Webber
Refreshments	Katherine Stevens

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 and Lutheran
Campus Ministry.

You can also donate online on
our website: **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, Aug 23	10:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary/Livestream)
	11:00 AM	Coffee & Refreshments (Sanctuary)
Tue, Aug 25	8:00 PM	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, Aug 26		1ST LCM WEDNESDAY OF THE FALL SEMESTER
	5:00 PM	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center)
	5:30 PM	Free Student Dinner (Campus Center)
	6:30 PM	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Thu, Aug 27	8:00 PM	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, Aug 30	10:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary/Livestream)
	11:00 AM	Coffee & Refreshments (Sanctuary)
	11:00 AM	Free Student Lunch (Campus Center)

Want to learn more about becoming a ULC member?

To learn more about how to join Christ's church at ULC, please reach out to
Pastor José at info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543.

STUDENTS RETURNED AUGUST 20TH

STUDENT MEALS RESUME THIS WEDNESDAY

There are new sign-up sheets on the mobile bulletin board for providing the bi-weekly student meals, **the first being this Wednesday, Aug 26**. You can also sign up by contacting the office at 480-967-3543 or info@ulctempe.org. For details on how to help with the Student Meals Ministry, see the page on our website: www.ulctempe.org/lcm-meals

Home-cooked meals are preferred, but if you don't have the time to cook, we also gratefully accept monetary donations to cover a meal on any given Wednesday or Sunday. Thank you for feeding our hungry students and nourishing their bodies and spirits!

STUDENT PANTRY RESTOCK

Our LCM Student Food Pantry is looking a little bare and could use a restock! Please consider making a donation to the student pantry soon! Students returned to ASU on August 20th.

The LCM Student Food Pantry, located in the entryway of the Campus Center, provides food, snacks, water bottles, and toiletries to all students in need. This allows students to take supplies home after our bi-weekly meals.

If you would like to support our students and help alleviate hunger on ASU's campus, please bring donations to the Campus Center. We are in need of shelf-stable non-perishables, individually packaged meals, grab-n-go snacks, canned goods, and toiletry essentials.

Single-serving items are preferred. (They have proven to be more popular than bulkier multi-serving items.)

Thank you so much for your continued support!

PAGE TURNERS' BOOK CLUB RESUMES THIS FALL

Having a good summer? What's on your reading list?

The Page Turners' Book Club will begin meeting again on Thursday, September 3rd. During the academic year, we gather at 12:00 noon on the first Thursday of each month in the Campus Center Library. Our book selections include both fiction and nonfiction, chosen by members. You are welcome to bring your lunch and join us.

This fall, we will be considering:

Sep 3, 2026: *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir (2021) [Fiction] (Led by Jean)

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate interstellar mission. If he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish. But right now he doesn't know that. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very long time and he's millions of miles from home. He can't remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment, or how to complete it. This work of science fiction by the author of "The Martian" has been hailed by USA Today as "an epic story of redemption, discovery, and cool speculative sci-fi." (From Amazon description.)

Oct 1, 2026: *The Blue Tattoo: The Life of Olive Oatman* by Margot Mifflin (2009) [Non-fiction] (Led by Lori)

In 1851, Olive Oatman was a thirteen-year old pioneer traveling west with her Mormon family. Within a decade, she was a white Indian with a chin tattoo, caught between cultures. Orphaned when her family was brutally killed by Yavapai Indians, Oatman lived as a slave to her captors for a year. She was then traded to the Mohave, who tattooed her face and raised her as their own. She was fully assimilated and perfectly happy when, at nineteen, she was ransomed back to white society, where she became an instant celebrity. But the price of fame was high and the pain of her childhood lasted a lifetime. Based on historical records, including letters and diaries of Oatman's friends and relatives, "The Blue Tattoo" is the first book to examine her life from her childhood in Illinois to her later years as a wealthy banker's wife in Texas. Oatman's blue tattoo was a cultural symbol that evoked both the imprint of her Mohave past and the lingering scars of westward expansion. (From Amazon description.)

Nov 5, 2026: *The Orphan Master's Son: A Novel* by Adam Johnson (2012) [Fiction] (Led by Dena)

This Pulitzer Prize winner follows Pak Jun Do's journey through North Korea as he rises from an orphanage to become a professional kidnapper, ultimately challenging Kim Jong II for the woman he loves. "The Orphan Master's Son" is also a riveting portrait of a world heretofore hidden from view: a North Korea rife with hunger, corruption, and casual cruelty but also camaraderie, stolen moments of beauty, and love. Author Adam Johnson is a graduate of Tempe's Marcos de Niza High School and ASU. He currently teaches creative writing at Stanford. He spent many summers in North Korea gathering information for this novel based on what he saw and heard.

ULC Prayer List

This continuous prayer list is for you to take home and pray over throughout the week. Once the next newsletter goes out, the prayer list will be included with the newsletter each month and will be phased out of the bulletin. Please let Pr. Jose or Amanda know if you have someone in mind who you'd like added to this list. God's peace be with you!

Lynn & Family	Tara	Ken, Julia, & Dwight
Kristin	Diane & Gary	Madlyn
Layna	Viv	Pedro
Nathan	David & Linda	Katy
Ana	Larry	Diane & Lori J
Chris	Brian	Roseanna
Adam & Family	Stephen	Cody & Angelica
Spencer	Rhys	Faye
Al	Dorothy & Katherine	Jason & Daughters
Hilliary	Tyler & Katherine	Ruth