

August 30, 2026—Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:00 AM Worship Service



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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!



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.

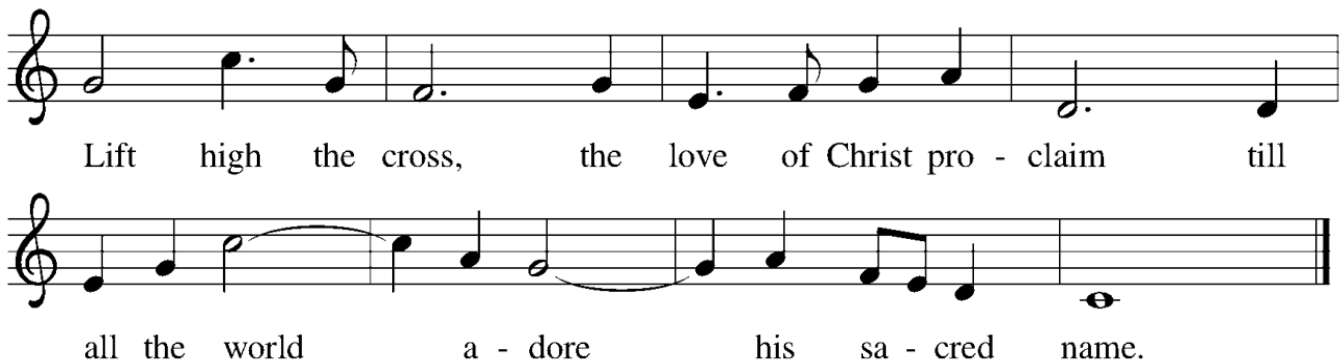
P Compassionate God,

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

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.

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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

Vocal Lead top staff; Congregation bottom staff.

Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son. Chri - ste e -

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



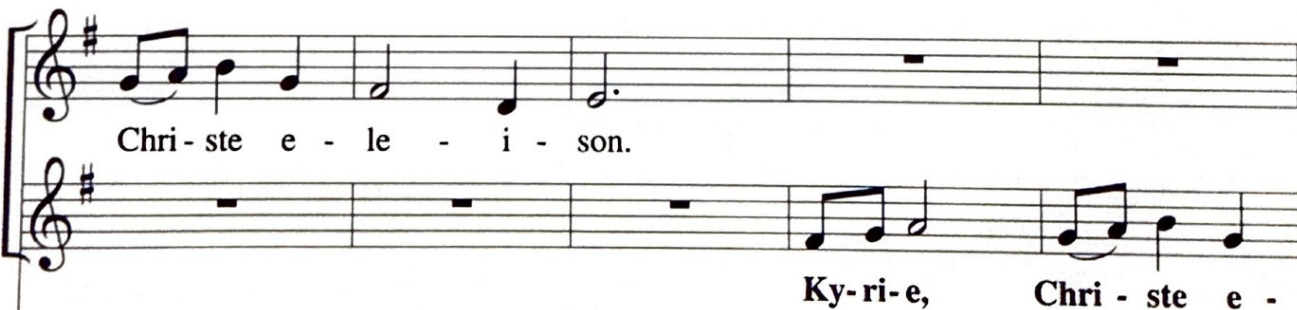
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Chri - ste, Ky - ri - e,
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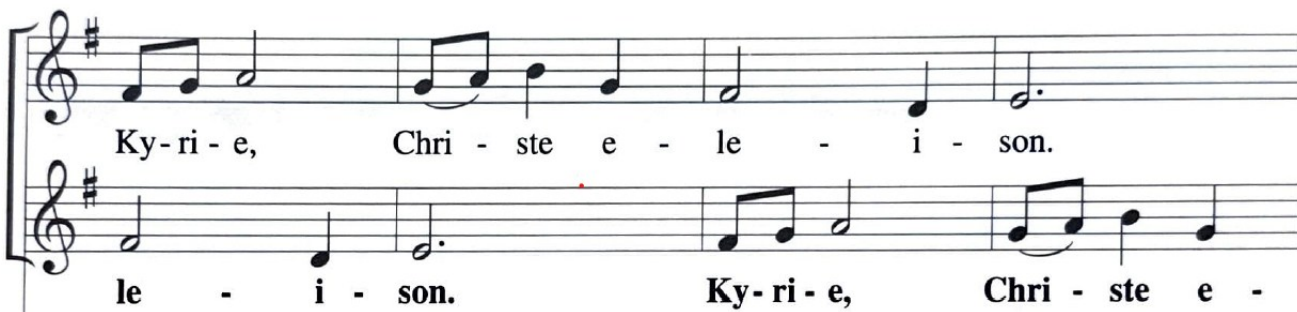
Chri - ste, Ky - ri - e,
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Ky - ri - e, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Chri - ste e -

le - i - son.

Text: traditional

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GLORIA

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

glo - ri - a.

glo - ri - a. 3 De -

glo - ri - a.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM 26:1-8

The Psalm will be sung responsively.



¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived ¹ with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and ¹ have not faltered.

² **Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me; examine my heart ¹ and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is be- ¹ fore my eyes; I have walked faithful- ¹ ly with you.

⁴ **I have not sat ¹ with the worthless, nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers; I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in inno- ¹ cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession ¹ round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving, and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in ¹ which you dwell
and the place where your glo- ¹ ry abides.**

SECOND READING

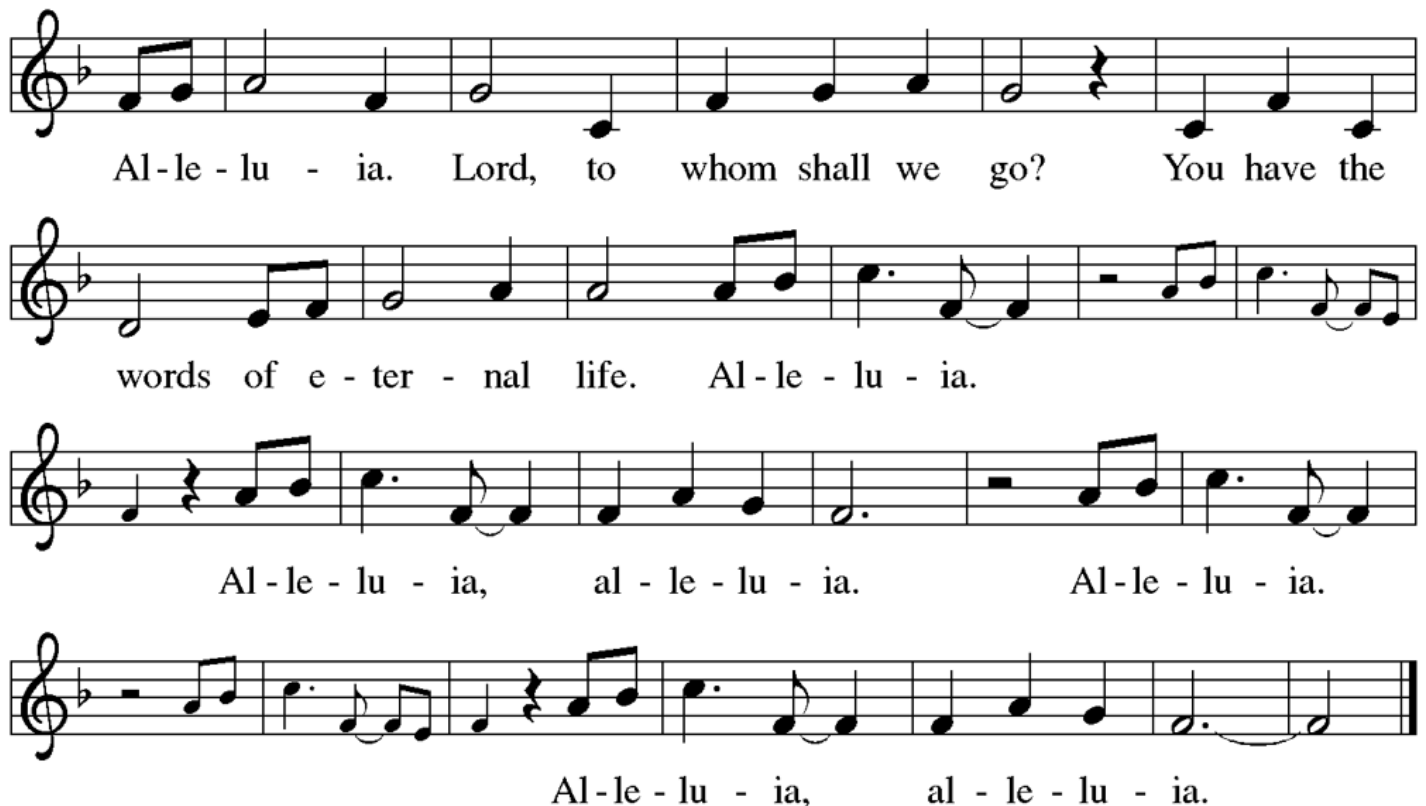
ROMANS 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE SEEKER BY DOLLY PARTON

Elizabeth Tombouljian, Piano

Congregation participation welcome!

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.

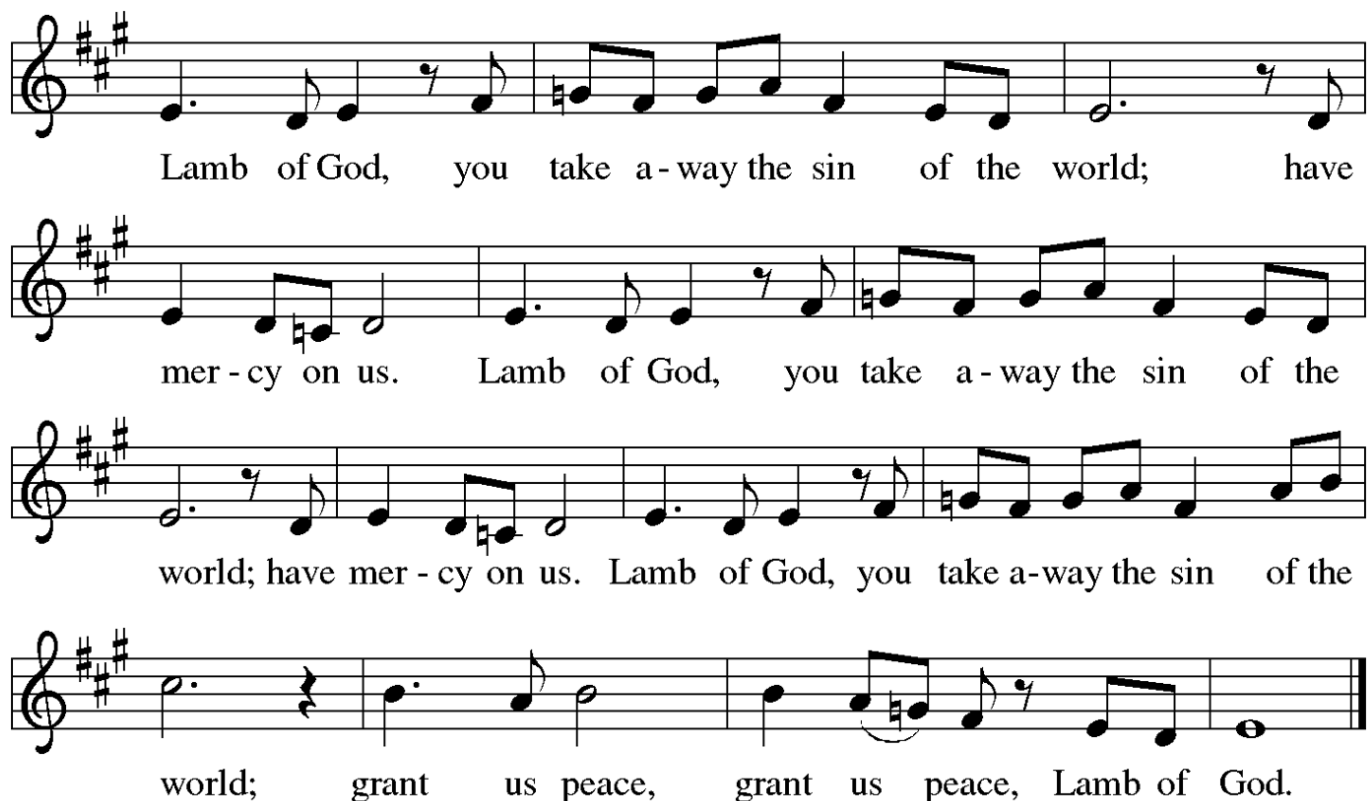
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio

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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

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual. Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual.

SENDING

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

C Thanks be to God.



TODAY IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Rev. José Valenzuela
Music Director	Elizabeth Tombouliau
Vocal Lead	Ray Kimball
Altar Care	Kristin Tollefson
Greeter	Clif Crawford
Reader	Autumn Byars
Communion Assistants	Paul Westermann Jacob Hilliker
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 30	10:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary/Livestream)
	11:00 AM	Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
	11:00 AM	Free Student Lunch (Campus Center)
Tue, Sep 1	8:00 PM	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, Sep 2	12:00 PM	CORA Meeting
	5:00 PM	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center Library)
	5:30 PM	Free Student Dinner (Campus Center)
	6:30 PM	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Thu, Sep 3	8:00 PM	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, Sep 6	10:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary/Livestream)
	11:00 AM	Coffee & Refreshments (Sanctuary)
NO STUDENT MEAL—LABOR DAY WEEKEND		

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.

PASTOR JOSÉ'S INSTALLATION IS SEPT 20TH: SAVE THE DATE

Pastor Jose's installation is less than a month away! Please mark your calendars for this joyful milestone in the life of our congregation. We will celebrate the installation of our new pastor in a special worship service presided over by Bishop Deborah Hutterer.

The ceremonial worship service will be September 20, 2026, at our usual worship time, 10 AM, in the ULC Sanctuary.

All offerings made on this Sunday will go directly toward funding LCM student meals.

This is a meaningful moment for our church family, and we hope you will join us as we pray for, bless, and formally welcome Pastor José into this new chapter of ministry.

STUDENTS RETURNED AUGUST 20TH

STUDENT MEALS RESUMED LAST WEDNESDAY

There are new sign-up sheets on the mobile bulletin board for providing the bi-weekly student meals. 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!

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Bible Study is **Thursday, Sep 17, at 6 PM AZ time on Zoom!**

We will be discussing Session Three of the series, "I Am Worthy". It starts on page 48 of the Summer issue of *Gather*, a magazine of the women of the ELCA.

Session Three—I Am Because You Are

"Our individual identities are always bound up in community. Jesus describes this vision using a vine and branches. Paul talks about a body with many parts. The prophets describe communities of liberative interdependence.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu describes this way of mutual interconnectedness as "Ubuntu," where "my humanity is caught up and bound up inextricably with yours. I can only be fully me if you are fully you."

In delving into Scripture, we learn how no one can flourish unless everyone does, and how our lives are bound up with one another and the planet."

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!

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