# All Saints Sunday

## A Prayer for All Saints

"Be Thou, triune God, in the midst of us as we give thanks
for those who have gone from the sight of earthly eyes.
They, in Thy nearer presence, still worship with us in
the mystery of the one family in heaven and on earth .
If it be Thy holy will, tell them how we love them, and how we miss
them, and how we long for the day when we shall meet with them again."

Rev. George MacLeod, Iona Abbey

United Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 1st, 2026

Worship at 10:15 a.m.

## ~ Gathering ~

*Welcome to this All Saints Sunday. In front of the pews and in the back, you will find a table with candles and markers. Before worship, or during the opening hymn, everyone is invited to write the name of a loved one who has died, whose name will not be read today, but whose life and memory continue to be held dear. Please carefully light and place the candle with your loved one's name on the tables. You are invited to take the candle home following worship.*

Prelude — Yen Lee Loh

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk — Shannon Helseth

**Please stand as you are able.*

Confession and Forgiveness*

In preparation for worship we make confession of our sins to God asking for God's forgiveness for all our failures to live as God intends. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**All: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of our invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. + Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

**All: Amen.**

Opening Hymn* — *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* — ELW Hymn #414

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.**

**Prayer of the Day:** The main thoughts of the day are collected, or summarized in this short prayer. The prayers for the season of the church year have come to us from the rich treasury of the church's heritage.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Ministry Through Music — *Hear My Prayer* — Cathedral Choir

Directed by Michael Marcotte, Yen Lee Loh, *piano*

## ~ Word ~

**First Reading:** The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

First Reading — Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and

ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P: Word of God. Word of life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm — Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
**2 I will glory in the Lord;**
**let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.
**4 I sought the Lord, who answered me**
**and delivered me from all my terrors.**
5 Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
**6 I called in my affliction, and the Lord**
**heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.
**8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;**
**happy are they who take refuge in God!**
9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
**10 The lions are in want and suffer**
**hunger, but those who seek the Lord**
**lack nothing that is good.**
22 O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

## Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-3
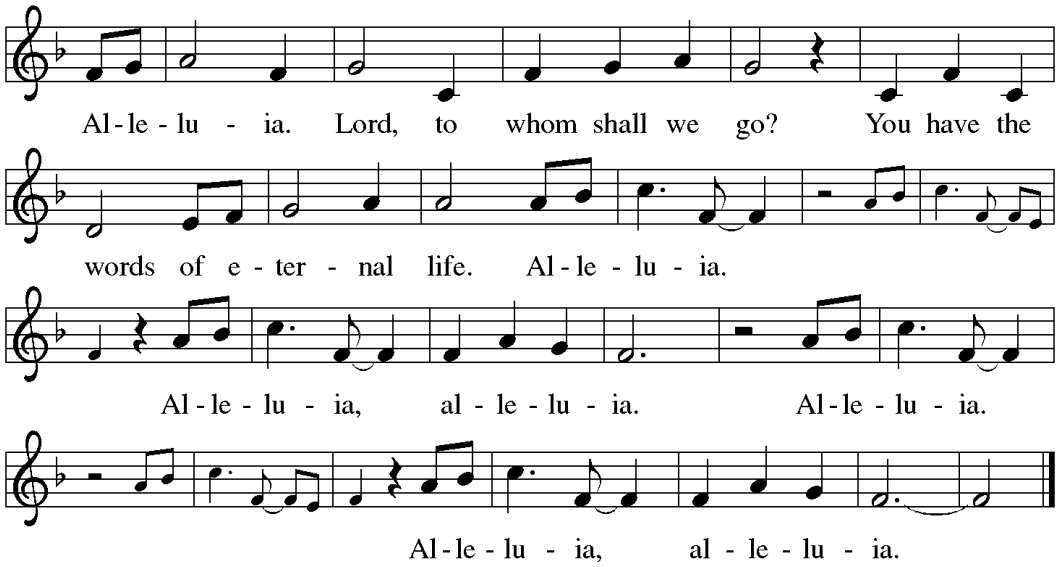
1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

P : Word of God. Word of life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**
A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

## Gospel Acclamation* — from ELW pg. #188

*Please stand as you are able.*



GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel:**
In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.
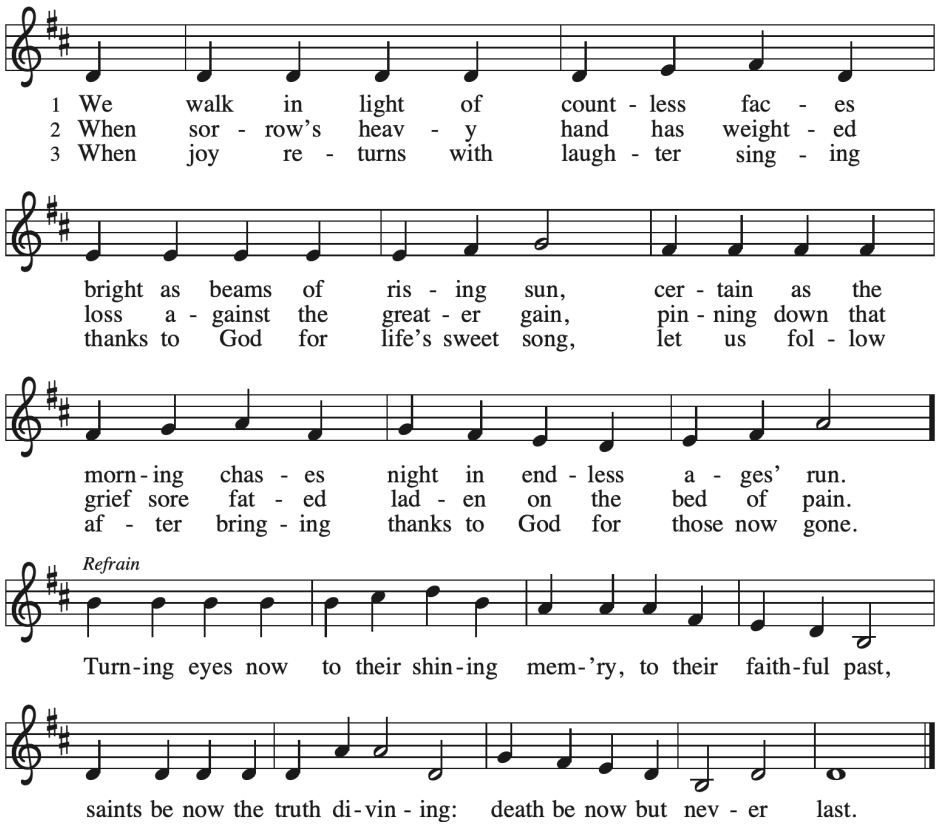
1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up
the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he began to
speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness, for they will
be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile
you and persecute you and utter all kinds
of evil against you falsely on my account.
12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before
you."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Interim Pastor Rich Kramer

**Hymn of the Day:**
This hymn follows the theme of the readings and reflects the message of the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Death Be Never Last* from ACS Hymn #1030




REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

P: Beloved of God, when we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefor with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like him. *(Romans 6:4-5)*

P: Let us pray:
Living God,

We thank you for your baptismal promises to us, that our lives are united to Christ in life and in death.

Today we offer you our gratitude and grief for all we have loved who have died. Keep us united with them in your love which death cannot destroy.

On this All Saints Sunday, we give thanks for the lives of all those connected to this community of faith, who have died in the past year, for whom the promises of baptism have been fulfilled and who now live in the embrace of your eternal care.

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| *Ellen Nottestad* | *Robert "Bob" Quamme* |
| *Marlys Moen* | *Connie Wehe* |
| *Suzie Thorson* | *Todd Philbrick* |
| *Joan Evenson* | *Logan Purcell* |
| *Elsie Anderson* | *Alan Hearonemus* |
| *Evelyn McGiffin* | *Jerry Rolland* |
| *Charles "Chuck" Akerlind* | *Joel Berg* |

God of resurrection, from whose love we cannot be separated, either by death or life, receive our prayers and thanksgiving for all we remember this day. Give us grace to follow their example in faith, love, and service. Give us strength to walk by faith. Be our hope and comfort until that day we are united with all our beloved in the fullness of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: ...God of mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

**Prayers of Intercession**
These prayers in the service follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, a pastor: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness".

GREETING OF PEACE

## ~ MEAL ~

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG *By Your Hand You Feed Your People [vs. 1&2]* from ELW #469

**1. By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.**
**For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:**

*Refrain:* **Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'er flowing, life outpoured, given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.**

**2. In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.**
**Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs.** *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry nor more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **All: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING from ELW Page #206

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 our thanks and praise.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**
The opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the Holy Communion part of the service. These words, dating from the second century, are likely the most ancient part of the Great Thanksgiving.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

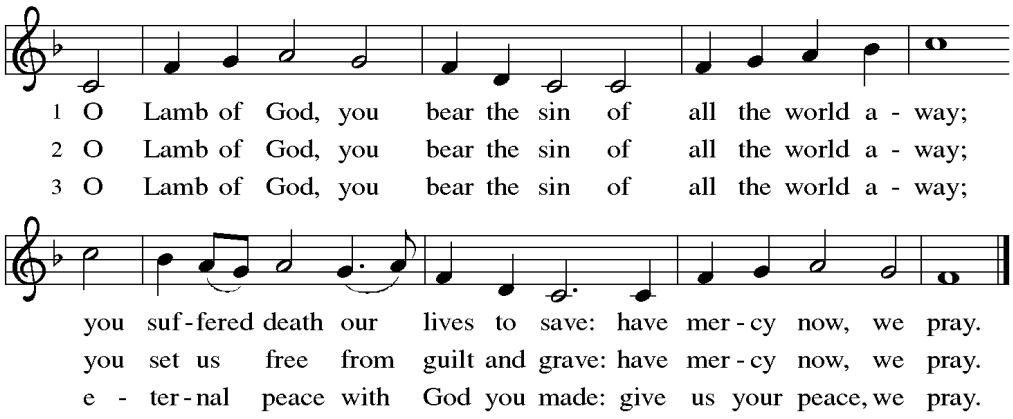
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Communion Distribution**
The ushers will direct you forward. All bread is gluten free. Grape juice is available. If you would like grape juice, please indicate that to the server.

**The Lamb of God**
This is our way of saying to God and to each other that it was Jesus who died for our sins as that perfect sacrifice, that perfect lamb that was slain for our life. It also focuses our attention on what we are about to receive in Holy Communion, which is Christ's true body and blood 'given and shed for the forgiveness of sins'. "The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD — from ELW Setting 10




PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

## ~ SENDING ~

**Blessing/Benediction:**
This prayer asking for God's blessing upon the assembly as we go out into the world doing God's will.

BLESSING

P: The holy Trinity, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **All: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN — *Give Thanks for Saints* — ELW Hymn #428

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE — Yen Lee Loh

ELW Hymn #414, Holy God, We Praise Your Name, ACS #1030, Death Be Never Last, ELW #428, Give Thanks for Saints. Gospel Acclamation, ELW pg. 188; Lamb of God, ELW page #207-208.
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## MINISTRY SITE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY

As initial steps begin for United's Call Process to call your next settled pastor, a ***Ministry Site Characteristics Survey*** is now available for members to complete in November. The survey gives the United community an opportunity to share what kind of pastoral leadership you sense would fit well with you all. It also gives you all a time to indicate the kind of ministry tasks and strengths you would be looking for in your next settled pastor. This feedback will be given to the Council and will belong to the church. Please turn in your survey by December 1, 2026.

**The survey will be available at the North and East entrances to the Sanctuary at United, where you can turn it in when completed**.

# Boldly Praying for a Broken World

AN EVENING OF PRAYER, HOPE, AND FELLOWSHIP

~ ALL ARE WELCOME ~

**Sunday, November 1, 2026 | 7PM**
**United Lutheran Church | sanctuary**

WE WILL COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO PRAY FOR ALL THAT CONCERNS US IN A TROUBLED WORLD. FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

# Backpack Packing Event



**NEXT Sunday, November 8**
**Join us in the fellowship hall following worship next Sunday!**
**Many hands make for quick work!**

# BREAD Auction

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday, November 22, 2026

**Following the 10:15am Worship | Fellowship Hall**
**Benefiting Northlands Rescue Mission Food Bank**

**How to participate:** CALLING ALL BAKERS!! Please bring donations of baked good to United on Sunday, Nov. 22 and place them in the narthex before the 10:15am worship service. They will be processed to the altar during the offering, a sign these gifts are offered for God's work in our world. Then, come down to the Fellowship Hall following worship and bid generously on yummy treats just in time for Thanksgiving!

# Thanksgiving Worship

WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2026
7PM | UNITED'S SANCTUARY

# THE CLASSIC SWING BAND PRESENTS:

A FALL CONCERT

Featuring
Michael Marcotte and Misti Koop





MUSIC BY FRANK SINATRA, DUKE ELLINGTON, IRVING BERLIN & MORE!!!

**Free-Will Donation at the door**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:00 PM

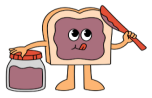
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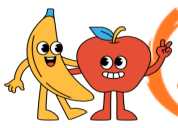
# BREAKFAST Club

Not Your Average Sunday School!

FAMILY-STYLE BREAKFAST *for everyone!*
PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR PREK-5TH GRADE
YOUTH-LED WORSHIP TIME
LESSON-THEMED ACTIVITY



**EVERY OTHER SUNDAY FROM 9AM - 10AM**
*United Lutheran Church Lounge*



Mark your calendar so you don't miss out!

- NOV. 8
- NOV. 22
- DEC. 6

# FAITH FRIENDS + PIZZA

Join United **every Wednesday from 6pm–7pm** for an evening of faith, fun, and friendship! Faith Friends is designed for students in Pre-K through the 5th grade. **Confirmation students are invited to eat with us!**

**Wednesdays | 6 - 7 PM**
**Fellowship Hall**
**Free Pizza Included**

sponsored by Deek's Pizza



**Welcome visitors to United Lutheran Church, we're glad you are here!**

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Restrooms located in the Fellowship Hall directly below the Sanctuary at the bottom of the stairs from the narthex. Check out the calendar below for what's happening at United in the week ahead.

**Worship Service Leaders**
**Interim Pastor**
Pastor Rich Kramer

**Worship Accompanist**
Yen Lee Loh

**Special Music**
Cathedral Choir
Michael Marcotte, dir
Yen Lee Loh, accomp.

**Song Leader**
Michael Marcotte

**United in Serving**
Rick & Linda Westby

**Lector**
Chasity Martin

**Ushers**
Rick & Linda Westby
Nick Brown
Mackenzie Brown

**Communion Servers**
Linda Paulson
Lanae Brown

**Radio/Facebook**
Darren Lee
Mackenzie Brown
Jayson & Jonah Helseth

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Mon - Thurs: 8am - 4pm

## Sunday, November 1
### All Saints Sunday

- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA/1310AM KNOX/Facebook)
- 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (FH)
- 7:00pm - Prayer Vigil: Boldly Praying for a Broken World (SA/FH)

## Monday, November 2

- 1:00pm - PEO (LG)

## Tuesday, November 3

- 9:00am - Quilting (FH)
- 11:00am - Staff Meeting (LG)

## Wednesday, November 4

- 5:15pm - Sing & Ring Rehearsal (CR)
- 6:00pm - Faith Friends and Pizza (FH)
- 7:00pm - Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm - Cathedral Choir (CR)

## Friday, November 6 - Office Closed

## Sunday, November 8
### Phoenix Packing Event

- 9:00am - Breakfast Club (LG)
- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA/1310AM KNOX/Facebook)
- 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship/Phoenix Packing Event (FH)

### Location Guide:

- **SA:** Sanctuary; **LG:** Lounge located on the lower level ; **FH**: Fellowship Hall located on the lower level directly below the Sanctuary; **RM 106**: Room 106 located down the hall from the office; **CR**: Choir Room located on the upper level; **YR**: Youth Room located on the upper level

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# Loved by God. United in Christ. Living Love Out Loud.

*United Lutheran Church Missional Narrative*

**OUR CALLING:** Because Jesus calls us into love that restores, shows up, and is lived out loud.

We are grounded in the truth that we are already loved by God. From that love flows hope - hope for restoration, healing, and new life in a world longing for wholeness. We believe the Gospel is not meant to be quiet or contained, but embodied through lives shaped by grace, courage, and compassion.

Because God's love shapes and moves us, we have something to offer: hope where there is despair, love where there is division, and presence where voices have gone unheard. Following Jesus calls us into God's ongoing work of restoration by loving our neighbors, standing with the vulnerable, and choosing unity over separation.

**OUR POSTURE:** We embody this calling through love that restores, draws us together, and is lived out loud.

Shaped by Christ, we seek to be a genuinely welcoming community where each person is received as they are and where belonging is practiced. We remain attentive to the realities of our world and to the lived experiences of our neighbors—creating space where those who have felt overlooked are recognized and drawn into community, and where all are invited into authentic connection and shared growth.

Rooted in God's love, we intentionally cultivate relationships within our walls and beyond them, trusting that faith, healing, and restoration grow when people are present for one another. We do not seek to erase difference, but to honor it, engaging one another with grace and honesty and believing unity deepens when people are seen, valued, and loved in their fullness.

Living love out loud requires courage. We are willing to take faithful risks, remain flexible, and adapt as needs emerge—trusting that the Spirit continues to guide us toward wholeness, reconciliation, and hope.

**OUR WELCOME:** United Lutheran Church embraces the gift of God's love for all creation. We rejoice in the way diversity informs, nurtures, and enriches the life and ministry we share. In a world that is often unloving, we are called by the Gospel to be workers for justice, peace, and healing. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational levels, family configurations, and economic realities. We commit to the ongoing work of Jesus' welcome for all.

We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation