

*Season of Easter at United Lutheran Church*

Sunday, May 29, 2022 | Ascension of Our Lord | Worship at 10:15 a.m.

~ WE GATHER ~

Welcome to worship at United Lutheran Church. We are glad you are here and we welcome ALL to LIVE, LEARN, and SHARE the LOVE of Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE

Yen Lee Loh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\*Please stand  
as you are able.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM\*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the residing minister begins.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.**

P: You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

**C: In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.**

P: Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

**All: To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus [vs. 1-4]*

ELW Hymn #392

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

**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.**

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*  
Yen Lee Loh, piano

arr. John Carter

~ WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-11

**First Lesson**

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had

said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

P: Word of God, word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 47

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a joyful sound.  
<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD Most High is to be feared:  
a great king over all the earth,**  
<sup>3</sup>who subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet;  
<sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**  
<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of the ram's  
horn.

<sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**  
<sup>7</sup>For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a song.  
<sup>8</sup>**God reigns over the nations;  
God is enthroned on high.**  
<sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
who is highly exalted.**

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray 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, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the

working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P: Word of God, word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson**  
The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION\*

ELW Hymn #174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>44</sup>[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.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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.”

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Kirsten Frantsvog

HYMN

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

ELW Hymn #393

### Hymn of the Day

This hymn follows the theme of the readings and reflects the message of the sermon.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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: ...God in your mercy.

**C: Receive our prayer.**

GREETING OF PEACE

~ MEAL ~

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG\*

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia vs. 1*

ELW Hymn #364



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

### The Peace:

This is a greeting used by Christians for almost two thousand years as a way to show that we are in God's family and love and care for one another.

### The Offering

Another way of responding to God's Word is by giving ourselves and our money for the work of Christ's Church throughout the world.

\*Please stand if you are able.





For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.  
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!  
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

#### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **All: 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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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#### 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.**

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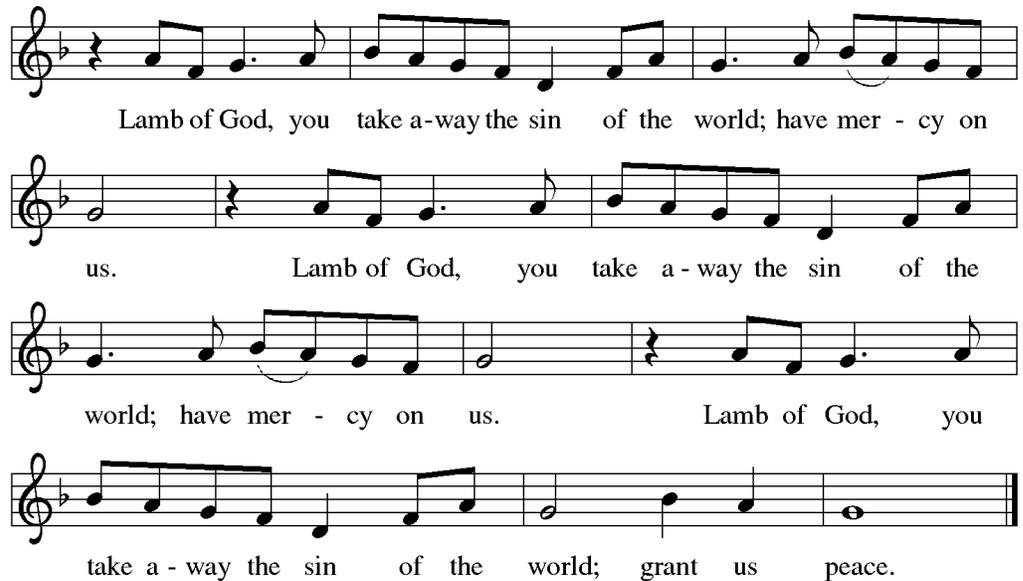
#### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**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)

## LAMB OF GOD

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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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **All: Amen.**

~ SENDING ~

## BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

## CLOSING HYMN

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW Hymn #838

## POSTLUDE

Yen Lee Loh

## ~ Congregational News ~

**Welcome and Thank You** to Pastor Kirsten Frantsvog for leading us in worship this morning. Pastor Kirsten is Chaplain for the Red River Valley, Fargo.

**Our sympathy to the family of Clarice Kennedy** whose funeral was Thursday, May 26th at United.

**Our sympathy to the family of Kevin Bloomquist** who passed away on Monday.

**Our sympathy to the family of Teresa Newland** whose funeral will be Wednesday, June 1st at 11am at United.

**Noisy Offering for LaGrave on First:** LaGrave on First is a housing first facility in our neighborhood. Lori Marshall, along with others from our congregation have provided meals for the residents. A noisy offering will be taken to help provide fresh foods for the residents of LaGrave on First. Please place your noisy offering in the cans located at the entrances to the sanctuary.

ELW #392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; ELW #393 All Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing; ELW #838 Beautiful Savior; ELW #174 Celtic Alleluia; ELW #364, Christ Has Arisen; Lamb of God, ELW Setting two. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #22289, A-800051. CCLI License # 1621695.

# Vacation Bible School

at United Lutheran Church

June 13-16 from 6pm to 8pm



PreK - 5th Graders are welcome!  
FREE outdoor suppers at 5:30pm



Join us for VBS Kickoff Sunday, June 12th at 10:15am  
followed by yard games and food from Steers  
Somalian Restaurant in the courtyard!

## GARDEN OF EATIN'

We're gearing up for another great summer of caring for the Garden of Eatin', United's Community Garden. This garden has expanded over the years, providing fresh produce to whoever picks it!

**Here are 2 ways you can be a part of this ministry:**

- Join us as we plant the garden at Pizza & Planting on Wed. June 1st from 6pm - 7pm
- Volunteer to water our gardens throughout the summer - many hands make light work.

**VOLUNTEER:** Sign-up on our website, at the QR Codes provided, by contacting the church office, or sign-up on the clip boards available on the ushers tables. Thanks for your time and energy - your help provide nourishment to our neighbors!

Pizza & Planting  
June 1, 2022



Watering  
various dates



Grape Mill Winery  
6.09.22 5-7:30pm



United Lutheran Church Women and Friends  
Night out at the Grape Mill Winery  
Thursday, June 9, 5-7:30pm

Summer is a time for trying new things, relaxing, and connecting. You are invited to join the United Lutheran Church Women for a night out at the Grape Mill winery in East Grand Forks. Meet at United Lutheran at 5pm to carpool. A light meal will be provided. You are welcome to purchase wine or water at the Winery. We'll enjoy conversation and a fun round of bible trivia.

It will be helpful to have a count, so please sign up by calling or stopping by the church office, or on line at our website at [unitedgf.org](http://unitedgf.org), just click on the Grape Mill image.

## NEW ADULT STUDY IN JUNE

**Beginning Sunday, June 12 at 9am** we will begin a study on the Acts of the Apostles. We will be using a book entitled *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit* by Matthew Skinner.

Author and biblical scholar Matthew Skinner explores six key themes that illustrate ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God's people, and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.

The cost of the book is \$14 or you can order it on Amazon or get it for your Kindle e-reader. This will be a six week course pausing over the Fourth of July weekend.



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Welcome to worship at United Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here and we welcome all to LIVE, LEARN, and SHARE the LOVE of Jesus Christ. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall directly below the Sanctuary at the bottom of the stairs from the narthex. Check out the calendar below for the week ahead at United.

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Pastor**

Pastor Kirsten Frantsvog

**Director of Youth and Family Ministries**

Molly Haagenon

**Worship Accompanist**

Yen Lee Loh

**Worship Team**

Rebecca Heigaard McGurran

Michael Marcotte

**Special Music**

Yen Lee Loh, piano

**United in Serving**

Rolf & Linda Paulson

**Lector**

Rolf Paulson

**Ushers**

Linda Paulson

Rolf Paulson

Todd Paulson

Meredith Byron

Gary Masilko

Sally Masilko

**Communion Servers**

Don Campbell

Priscilla Campbell

Jan Marto

Rodney Kjellberg

Marlys Kjellberg

**Technical Team**

Ross Hammer

Jayson Helseth

Darren Lee

Katie Stauss

*If you would be interested in helping with the Radio Broadcast/Sound Board, please contact the office.*

**SUNDAY, MAY 29TH**

- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA)
- 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (FH)

**MONDAY, MAY 30TH - MEMORIAL DAY  
CHURCH CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, MAY 31ST**

- 11:00am - Staff Meeting (Rm 106)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST**

- 10:00am - Visitation for Teresa Newland (SA)
- 11:00am - Funeral for Teresa Newland with lunch to follow (SA/FH)
- 6:00pm - Pizza and Planting (PL)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

- 11:00am - Graveside Service for Linda Jore (Memorial Park S)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH**

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN FARGO**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH**

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN FARGO**

- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA)
- 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (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 on the main level
- LB: Library located at the end of the hall opposite the office on main level
- CR: Choir Room located on the upper level
- YR: Youth Room located on the upper level
- PL: Parking lot

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Welcome visitors to  
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH



**We are glad to have you joining us in worship today!**

We have a gift for all visitors. Outside the north entrance to the sanctuary, there is a coffee mug for you with a brochure about United Lutheran. It is our way of saying it is a joy to worship with you today! Please stop by the table and pick one up.

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**Welcome to United Lutheran Church! It is a gift to worship with you today.**

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