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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



## DAY OF PENTECOST

May 20, 2018

10:30 AM Service of Communion

Rev. Karen Brau, Senior Pastor

**Luther Place Memorial Church**

1226 Vermont Ave, NW Washington, DC 20005 ♦ (202) 667-1377 ♦ [www.lutherplace.org](http://www.lutherplace.org)

## **Our Purpose**

God's purpose for our congregation is to grow a Christ-centered inclusive community, led by the Spirit, that proclaims the Gospel's transforming love and grace and challenges injustice.

## **Our Guiding Principles**

1. All of God's creation is sacred.
2. We listen to the Holy Spirit through worship, Scripture, and prayerful reflection.
3. We seek continuous transformation to become radically hospitable.
4. We invite all into the journey with Christ through reconciliation with each other and God.
5. We respond to injustice through loving service and courageous action.
6. We walk together in our celebrations and our struggles.

## **Our Vision**

Luther Place will be a community that looks and feels like God's kingdom in its beautiful expansiveness, where all are called into relationship with Jesus Christ and one another. In this place we will use our gifts to act in the world and build the beloved community.

**Worship** attracts and gathers a range of people with various services and styles, engaging the community in a depth of traditional practices and creative endeavors.

**Spiritual Growth** is how we are formed as disciples of Jesus Christ, embracing scripture and all opportunities to engage the divine, and nurturing us to contemplate, study, and question our faith.

**Justice** is a public witness to our faith; we will continue our history of openness to what arrives, standing in solidarity and acting with people who are struggling in our community, country, and world.

**Hospitality** is how we—each of us—extend God's kingdom to a dynamic and diverse city, growing our community and engaging all of God's children, from the powerless to the powerful.

**Community Care** is how we sustain a vibrant community, our intentional practice of supporting and nurturing one another in all stages of life, in celebration and sorrow.

## **At the Festival of Homiletics: Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Harriet Tubman - May 22, 11 am**

Pastor Karen Brau will lead a workshop at Luther Place on Bonhoeffer and Tubman teachings. Please keep the event in prayer, and join us if available.

## **Sojourners Prayer and Candlelight Vigil to the White House, May 24, 7 pm**

In this political, moral, and theological crisis in America we are deeply concerned about the resurgence of white nationalism and racism; xenophobia; misogyny; attacks on immigrants, refugees and the poor; the regular purveying of falsehoods and consistent lying by the nation's highest leaders; and moves toward autocratic political leadership and authoritarian rule. Meet at National City Church for the prayer. Contact Pastor Karen Brau for participation details.

## **We Need Your Painting Skills**

Every June we adorned the yard by the Martin Luther statute with a door display proclaiming: God's Doors Are Open To All. The doors have fallen into disrepair. Volunteers are needed to help paint new doors. Contact Michael Sonnenberg at michaelsonnenberg4647@gmail.com

## **Capital Pride March, June 9, Time TBD**

We will have a fun time on the MetroDC Synod float and throwing beads to the crowd. We hope to get a large group from Luther Place to march. Contact Michael: michaelsonnenberg4647@gmail.com

## **Pride Sunday Service, June 10, 10:30 am**

During Worship we will celebrate our LGBTQ+ community.

## **Men's Fellowship Breakfast, June 16, 10:30 am**

Paul Ramshaw will host the June breakfast at his home in Northwest DC. Contact Jeff Serfass for the address

## **Support ArtSmart Summer Camp**

ArtSmart camp focuses on the arts as a way to build community, inspire learning, and encourage big dreams. You can text give or place donations in the offering labeled "ArtSmart." or purchase postcards in the back to support the camp.

## Dismissal

Youth: Go in peace. Spread the Good News!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today, we pray for:

The family of Richard Brau, Pastor's uncle, who died. Pastor Karen and family will travel to North Carolina the 1st Sunday in June for a Memorial Service. Fred Sickert, the father of Krista Sickert-Bush as he recovers from open heart surgery. Alberta Williams for continued recovery.

#### Congregational Offering

##### April 2018

Budgeted: \$35,000

Actual: \$43,821

##### YTD as 4/30/18

Budgeted: \$183,000

Actual: \$179,026

#### Pastor Karen Sabbatical, September-November 2018

Pastor Karen will go on sabbatical later this year. Please see website for a blog on Sabbath Care!

#### 20s/30s Bible Study, May 23, 7 pm

Join us at Vanesa Hernandez's apartment in Capitol Hill as we come together for dinner and delve into scripture to explore life's different seasons. Our study on May 24 will focus on solitude and community. Contact Vanesa at [vanesa.her@gmail.com](mailto:vanesa.her@gmail.com).

#### Festival of Homiletics, May 21-25 at Luther Place

Several congregations are providing breakout space for the week-long of preachers and professors delving into faith development program through intense immersion in preaching and politics.

## Welcome to worship at Luther Place!

**Are you a guest?** If so, here are some things you might like to know...

**Please fill out a card** to let us know who you are—we'd love to be in touch with you! The cards can be placed in the offering plate when completed. We are blessed by your presence and hope you will join us again.

**Parking** is available **across the street in the Washington Plaza Hotel**. The garage has **two** floors available. Please ask an usher for a parking voucher. Your reimbursement of the cost of \$5 per use will be greatly appreciated. Additionally, we reserve the parking spots in the circle driveway on Vermont Ave. for use by those with mobility issues and their drivers. We encourage the use of public transportation; free bike parking is available inside the Vermont entrance to Luther Place.

**A children's nursery** is available before, during, and after worship. The nursery is located within the chapel by the entrance on N Street.

**Children's church bags** are located in the back of the Sanctuary. The activity bags are for kids of all ages; they include crayons, a coloring book, books to read, etc. Please help children use these materials for doodling rather than the gift envelopes and prayer cards.

**Video Recordings of Worship Services** are available on the Luther Place website: [www.lutherplace.org/sermons](http://www.lutherplace.org/sermons).

**In prayers and songs, the bold print is congregational response.**

**P= pastor; A= assisting minister; C= congregation.**

**Here at Luther Place, we love to sing!**



We like to explore a diversity of music, though much of it comes from the **Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (ELW)**. This hymnal holds service music in the first half and hymns in the second half. The service music can be found with the small page numbers at the bottom of each page. The hymns can be found using the large numbers at the top of each page. We also use hymns from This Far by Faith Hymnal (TFF), the Lutheran African American hymnal.

**References to God** in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God. You are also invited to sing hymns or speak parts of the services, such as The Lord's Prayer, in your native tongue.

## GATHERING

**Prelude :** Largo from Sonata No. 3 in C Major, BWV 1005 by J.S. Bach  
Sofia Kaut, violin

### Welcome

*We welcome you to worship today! If you are a visitor, please fill out a welcome card at the ends of the pews, and put in offering plate or give to an usher. Today we also celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism, Confirmation, of our two eighth graders. Most of today's worship service was written by the Confirmation class and their song and scripture choices reflect their discernment as a class.*

### Call to Worship

Nate: This is the day that God's church is being made new,

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### Communal Confession

**C: Merciful Lord, you have helped us during hard times. You have saved us when we needed it and sometimes when we think we didn't. We admit that we have sinned against you and others and we ask for your forgiveness.**

### Assurance of Pardon from John 3:16-17

P: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**\*Gathering Song: ELW 446—I'm Goin on a Journey**

### \*Greeting

**Annika:** Welcome to God's house,

**C: May peace and joy guide us.**

**\*Communion Hymn: ELW 574 Here I Am, Lord**

### \*Table Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, keep you in God's most amazing grace.

**C: Amen.**

### \*Prayer after Communion

Annika: Let us pray... Oh God, sustain us this week with your bread and wine. Help us to remember your presence with us in our lives so that we can help others in need.

**C: Amen.**

### \*Blessing

Nate: God gives us love. May we use it to accept one another.

**C: Amen.**

Stefan: Help us to be voices of hope!

**C: Amen.**

Annika: God calls us to love, to spread joy and embrace peace.

**C: Amen.**

Skyler: We are called to spread God's light to those in darkness.

**C: Amen.**

Christina: We give thanks to Luther Place for all your support! Help us Lord to continue to grow in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

**\*Sending Song: ELW 677 This Little Light of Mine.**

## Distribution

Communion (Eucharist) celebrated at Luther Place is open to all. Ushers will direct you to the correct station. We use two cups; one with wine and the other with juice. You may either dip the bread into the cup (intinction) or eat the bread first and drink from the cup. Gluten-free wafers are available on the altar. Return to your seat using the exterior aisles.

## \*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*  
 have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*  
 have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

*da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.*  
 grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

## Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## \*Kyrie Dakota Road

*Refrain*  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

*Last time*  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im -  
 3 For peace in our hearts, for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
 passionate re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;  
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;  
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;

for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
 that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
 that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

*Refrain*  
 let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### \*Prayer of the Day

**Christina:** Dear God, fill us with love and compassion in our hearts, so that we may be able to spread your word as disciples of God.

**C:** Amen.

### WORD

#### FIRST READING

**Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

### \*Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) TFF p. 56

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. 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 in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

**P:** 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.

**C:** Amen.

### \*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.

## Offering Song: TFBF 262 This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.

## \*Offering Prayer

A: Stefan: Everlasting God, we give you thanks for our place in the body of  
your life-giving water. Receive our gifts as prayers for the future.

Thank you for being with us and sustaining us with your love.

**C: Amen.**

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## \*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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we  
inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which,  
through Christ, we have a place. Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the  
song of the church on earth and in heaven:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**Reader:** Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 104:24-35 (Read Responsively)

What a wildly wonderful world, GOD!

**You made it all, with Wisdom at your side,  
made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.**

Oh, look—the deep, wide sea,

**brimming with fish past counting,  
sardines and sharks and salmon.**

Ships plow those waters,

**and Leviathan, your pet dragon, romps in them.**

All the creatures look expectantly to you

**to give them their meals on time.**

You come, and they gather around;

**you open your hand and they eat from it.**

If you turned your back,

they'd die in a minute—

**Take back your Spirit and they die,**



**revert to original mud;**  
Send out your Spirit and they spring to life—  
**the whole countryside in bloom and blossom.**  
The glory of GOD—let it last forever!  
**Let GOD enjoy his creation!**  
He takes one look at earth and triggers an earthquake,  
**points a finger at the mountains, and volcanoes erupt.**  
Oh, let me sing to GOD all my life long,  
**sing hymns to my God as long as I live!**  
Oh, let my song please him;  
**I'm so pleased to be singing to GOD.**  
But clear the ground of sinners—  
**no more godless men and women!**  
O my soul, bless GOD!

**Second Reading:**

**Romans 8:22-27**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**Reader:** Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Stefan: Thank you God for the Spiritual gifts you give each one of us. Help us to share them with the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Skyler: We pray for our Confirmands and all those being confirmed today. May you lead and guide them through their journey with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Nate: Finally, we pray for the people of Luther Place. Bless them dear Lord. All these prayers both spoken and unspoken we lift before you our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Exchange of Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Announcements**

*All events & announcements may be found in the back of the bulletin.*

**Offering**

*Please feel free to put cash or check in the offering plate. You can also donate through a text donation by texting the dollar amount to +12028166673.*



**Stewardship Matters**

*Living Together Generously: Building for the Future*

Stewardship is the “heart” of living a Christian life. It is caring for all that God has entrusted to us. How do share your “heart” with others?

<https://lutherplace.org/stewardship>



P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Nate and Annika, the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith; guide their lives, empower them in serving, give them patience in suffering and bring them to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us rejoice with this sister and brother in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**\*Prayers of the People, written by our Confirmands**

Annika: Join with us as we pray for the world and all those in need. We pray for the nations of the world ridden with war and suffering. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Christina: In this time where many people are facing discrimination based on race, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity, we pray that your unconditional love will guide us to treat everyone as our neighbor despite our differences. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Nate: We pray for those suffering from mental illness or physical sickness and for those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Annika: God, thank you for people who help us on our faith journeys. For parents, Pastors, Sunday school teachers and mentors. Help us to remember we are never alone. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation: TFF 95 He is Lord**



He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;



ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

*"The Message: A Daily Reading Bible" by Eugene Peterson.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

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

"When the Friend I plan to send you from the Father comes—the Spirit of Truth issuing from the Father—he will confirm everything about me. You, too, from your side must give your confirming evidence, since you are in this with me from the start."

"I didn't tell you this earlier because I was with you every day. But now I am on my way to the One who sent me. Not one of you has asked, 'Where are you going?' Instead, the longer I've talked, the sadder you've become. So let me say it again, this truth: It's better for you that I leave. If I don't leave, the Friend won't come. But if I go, I'll send him to you.

"When he comes, he'll expose the error of the godless world's view of sin, righteousness, and judgment: He'll show them that their refusal to believe in me is their basic sin; that righteousness comes from above, where I am with the Father, out of their sight and control; that judgment takes place as the ruler of this godless world is brought to trial and convicted.

"I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won't draw attention to himself but will

make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you. Everything the Father has is also mine. That is why I've said, 'He takes from me and delivers to you.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Reflections**

Nate Cooper and Annika Miller

**\*Hymn of the Day: ELW 459 Wade in the Water**

**Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) ELW p. 234**

Krista: I present Nate Cooper and Annika Miller, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray...

**C: Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the evil and all the forces that defy God?

Nate & Annika: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

N & A: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

N & A: I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

N & A: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support this sister and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**