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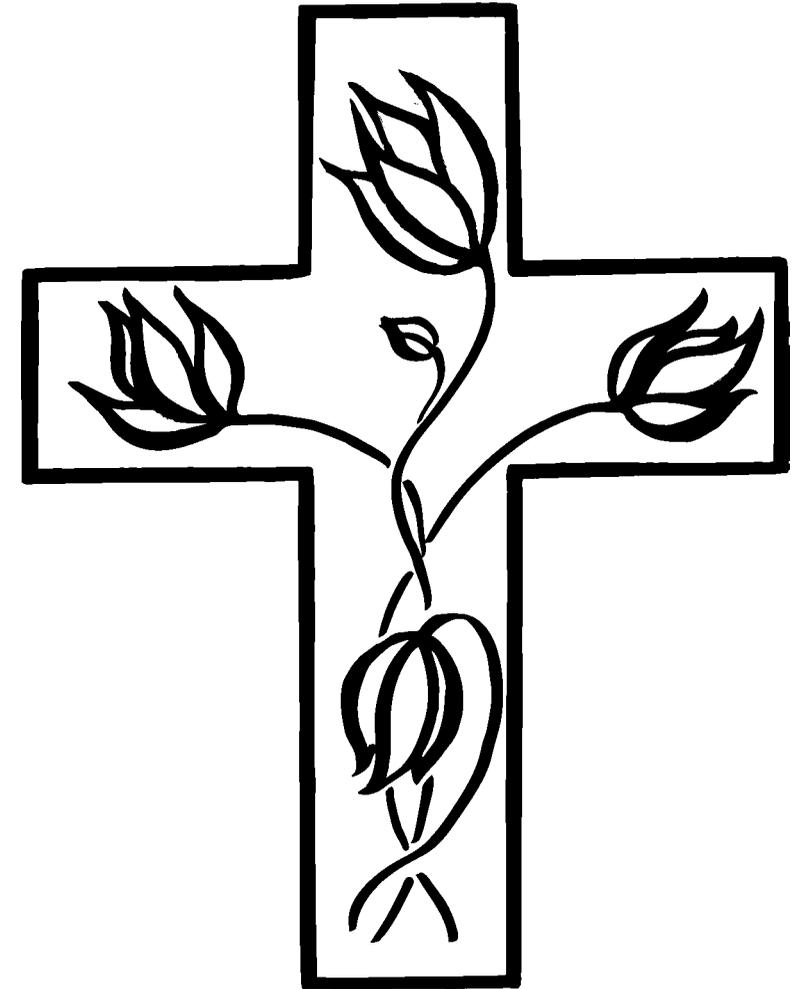
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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

APRIL 1, 2018

10:30 AM Service of Communion

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Luther Place Memorial Church

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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.



SENDING

We invite all children to come up front for the sending song!

Sending Song: ELW 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Dismissal

A: Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Toccata from Symphony for Organ No. 5 by Charles-Marie Widor

Worship Volunteers:

Greeter/Ushers: Daniel Weir, Laurel Curry, Esther Etoundi, Kirk Sander,
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Assisting Minister: Jay Forth

Reader 1st Lesson: Katy Argueta

Reader 2nd Lesson: Elizabeth Ellis

Communion Assistants: Gretchen & Levi DeSilva, Grace Park,
Sheena Foster, & Dewey-Gately Family

Crucifer: Trevour Jackson-Carpenter

Torch Bearer : Caroline Eayrs & Aidan Gately

Counters: Ann Hill & Kate Wulf

Friends of the Feast: Michael Sonnenberg

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. *When you enter the garage, please keep the ticket you receive and a green ticket from an usher; BOTH tickets are needed to leave the garage.* Your reimbursement of the cost of \$5 per ticket will be greatly appreciated. Additionally, we reserve the parking spots in the circle driveway on Vermont 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.

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.

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

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

*Today we welcome Gwen May, who is interpreting American Sign Language

Prelude Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

arr. John Behnke
Justin Fitch, organ
Jeff Serfass, saxophone

Call to Worship

P: This is the day:

C: When tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.

P: This is the day the Lord:

C: Rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.

P: This is the day the Lord has made:

C: Death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

P: This is the day—Easter Day! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen! Indeed, Hallelujah!

P: Very early on that first day
you caught chaos unawares,
Astounding God:
planting grace in a garden,
setting love loose on creation,
flinging joy into the air.

Communion Song: Taste and See

Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

***Table Blessing**

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

C: Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

A: Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) TFF p. 57

☐ 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.

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.

Communion:

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

Very early on that first day
Jesus, Son of Justice:
you staggered sin,
throwing its weight off the world;
you confounded death,
leaving it alone in the grave;
you opened the gates of the kingdom,
so all could follow you into life.

Very early on this first day of the week,
while we were washing sleep from our eyes
and trying to make sense of our lives,
you sang glad songs to us,
Please, Holy Spirit:
roll away fears from our hearts
so we can see the Risen Lord.
Let the Church say: **AMEN**

*Gathering Hymn: ELW 365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,

preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

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.

P: Remembering his death, we cry out *Amen*.

C: Amen.

P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout *Amen*.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead *Amen*.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

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: O God most mighty
 O God most merciful,
 O God our rock and our salvation,
 hear us as we praise,
 call us to your table,
 grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
 When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.
 When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
 Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.
 You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

Returning the Hallelujah! Children, we need your help!

*Gospel Acclamation: ELW 535 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Refrain - sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
 Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
 hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
 prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *End*

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark
 C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told

you.”⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon: On Pilgrimage: Beauty

Pastor Karen Brau

Live-tweeting and posting on social media is encouraged! We are using #RealChurch, #onpilgrimage, #Hallelujah and don't forget to tag @LutherPlace & @KarenBrau.

Great Is Your Mercy Toward Me
Your Love And Kindness Toward Me
Your Tender Mercies I See
Day After Day

[Verse 2:]

Forever Faithful Towards Me
Always Providing For Me
Great Is Your Mercy Towards Me
Great Is Your Grace
[x2 or x3]

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: Amen.

***Exchange of Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Announcements

See the insert for all upcoming events & announcements!

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.

Offering Song The Lord is Risen Today!

by Lloyd Larson

Luther Place Adult Choir and Handbell Choir

***Offering Prayer**

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

***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.

***Prayers of the People**

We invite you to sing our prayer response—great is your mercy towards me, great is your grace.

A: Made alive to God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Brief silence.

A: O God, in Christ's death and resurrection your church is reborn. Bless your people in every nation: Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and Pentecostal. Raise us up to witness together to your undying love for the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Great is Your Mercy towards me... Great is Your Grace

A: O God, your faithfulness extends to all the earth. On this Easter morn, we pray for creation. Make terror and destruction cease, and renew all things in the bright dawning of your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Great is Your Mercy towards me... Great is Your Grace

A: O God, the resurrection of your Son means life for every nation. Show us that promise and hope. Heal nations scarred by injustice and greed; give hope to those ravaged by violence (especially...). Hear us, O God.

C: Great is Your Mercy towards me... Great is Your Grace

A: O God, your Son healed all who were oppressed. Bless those who heal and show compassion in Jesus' name, even as we pray for the many among us who are still in need (especially...). Hear us, O God.

C: Great is Your Mercy towards me... Great is Your Grace

A: O God, in the waters of baptism you call us by name and raise us to new life in you. Renew us with all faith, hope, and love, that we might be Christ's risen body in the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Great is Your Mercy towards me... Great is Your Grace

A: O God, we give thanks for the saints whose lives proclaim the victory of your love. With them, give us courage to follow our crucified and risen Lord, until all things are gathered in his name. Hear us, O God.

C: Great is Your Mercy towards me... Great is Your Grace

Hymn of the Day: TFBF They Crucified My Savior (He Rose)

Collin Bradley, trumpet

1 They cru - ci - fied my Sav - ior and nailed him to the tree,
 2 Then Jo - seph begged his bod - y and laid it in the tomb,
 3 Sister Mar - y, she came run - ning, a - look - ing for my Lord,
 4 An an - gel came from heav - en and rolled the stone a - way,

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 then Jo - seph begged his bod - y and laid it in the tomb,
 sister Mar - y, she came run - ning, a - look - ing for my Lord,
 an an - gel came from heav - en and rolled the stone a - way,

***Refrain on the back...**

Refrain

He rose, he rose, he rose from the dead,

he rose, he rose, he rose from the dead,

he rose, he rose, he rose from the dead,

and the Lord will bear my spir - it home.

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.