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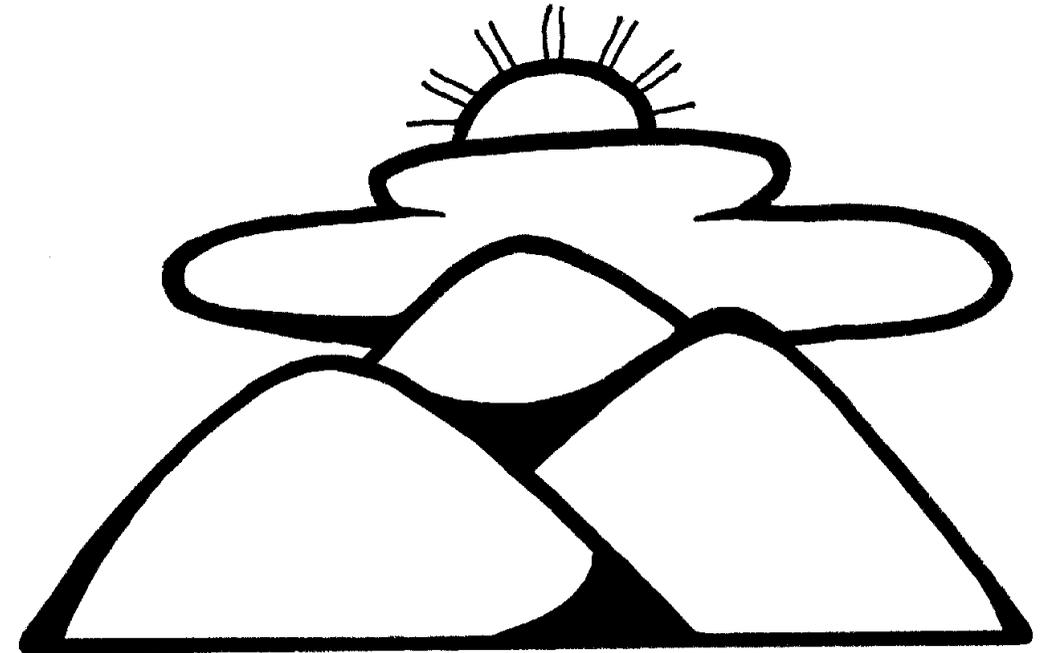
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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 8th, 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.

Send a Kid to Camp! ArtSmart Camp Fundraiser April 25, 6pm-8pm

Come for an evening -- hear parent testimonies, see the children's art displayed, enjoy food and drink, and take advantage of the opportunity to celebrate what community and unlikely relationships can produce! Our goal is to raise \$22,000.00 to support 40 ArtSmart Campers ages six to twelve-year-old and 15+ adult staff to engage and mentor all these children. Event hosted at Fathom Art Gallery 1333 14th Street, NW

Tickets are \$25.00 sold at <https://supportartsmart2018.eventbrite.com>

Sponsor a child for -- by giving at lutherplace.org

One day -- \$25

One week -- \$125

Entirety of camp -- \$500

Worship Volunteers:

Greeter/Ushers: Bekka Meye, Kate Mueeting, & Greg Roth

Assisting Minister: Makenzie Gold-Quiros

Reader 1st Lesson: & Psalm Susan Boyle

Reader 2nd Lesson: Greg Roth

Communion Assistants: Faith Korbel, Amanda Lindamood, Thomas Randall,
& Kyra Reumann-Moore

Children's Sermon: Rev. Karen Brau

Counters: Patrick Callahan & Michael Wendt

Friends of the Feast: Michael Sonnenberg

Staff Lead: Kristen Kane

Rain Garden Festival, April 15, 12 pm

Join InterFaith Power and light, RiverSmart, DC Department of Energy and Environment, Anacostia Watershed Society and members of Luther Place for the dedication of the Luther Place Rain Garden project. Contact Dena at business250@yahoo.com

20/30s Happy Hour, April 19, 7 pm

We are pleased to join forces with First Trinity Lutheran's Young Adult group. Together, we will co-host a happy hour on the topic of food justice. Come discuss our Biblical calling to be good stewards of the Earth's resources, specifically our food. We will meet at Bann Thai (*1326 14th Street Northwest, 2nd Floor*). Contact christine.m.frye@gmail.com

WIN Listening Session, April 22, 12 pm

Following the 10:30 am service on April 22, you are invited to attend a listening session that will further shape the way in which the congregation is involved with the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN). With guided questions, you'll have the opportunity to share your own interests and goals around engaging with issues facing our community in Washington, D.C. Contact Christina Andeweg to RSVP or ask questions: andeweg.c@gmail.com

Singing the Trees at Rolling Ridge, April 20-22

Luther Place is a partner with Rolling Ridge Study retreat center in West Virginia near Harpers Ferry. As one of the partner groups at Rolling Ridge, Luther Place has access to four weekends a year to sponsor Luther Place organized gatherings. <https://lutherplace.org/rolling-ridge-retreat-center/>

National Youth Gathering BINGO fundraiser, Saturday, April 21, 6-8pm

(NYG youth show at 5:00pm) at Reformation Lutheran (212 East Capitol St, NE) \$10/person for 5 Bingo Game Cards. Food and Drinks For Purchase. INVITE your friends, family and neighbors to come!

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.

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 Always In Your Presence by Randy Cox and Kris Crunk

Joining us today is Joyful Choristers a choir of 3rd through 6th graders from Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, Pa. In addition to leading worship at Trinity once a month, the choir goes on a trip every other year and presents a musical during the non-trip years. They are in Washington D.C. to participate in a hymn festival at First Congregational UCC, a launch event for the Center for Congregational Song, which took place yesterday. The choir is grateful for the opportunity to worship with our Lutheran brothers and sisters this morning!

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the
Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

Today—20s/30s Spring Brunch, 12 pm

At the beginning of this Easter season, we'll gather immediately after church on April 8 to walk to a nearby restaurant together and enjoy fellowship. Contact [Catherine Hinsbaw](mailto:Catherine.Hinsbaw) to RSVP or ask questions.

Today—Community Care Open Forums, April 8 and 22

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 in sorrow. Do you have thoughts about community care at Luther Place? What is going well? What could we do better? The Community Care Team will be hosting two open forums for the congregation to share feedback and ideas on April 8 at 12:15 pm in the Chapel and April 22 at 9:15 am. Please join us. If you can't make either of those times, keep an eye out for an online survey coming soon. Team members are also available to meet individually. Contact [Christiana Lundholm](mailto:Christiana.Lundholm) cmlundholm@yahoo.com or [Christina Davis](mailto:Christina.Davis) csdavis27@gmail.com to RSVP or ask questions.

20s/30s Bible Study Series, April 9 - May 30

This Easter season, the 20s/30s group will be hosting a four-part Bible study on mourning and dancing (check out the description below). Join us for dinner at Vanesa's apartment in Capitol Hill as we delve into scripture to explore life's different seasons. We'll be gathering at 7 pm on April 9, 23, & May 14 (Mondays) and May 30 (Wednesday). Please RSVP to Vanesa: vanesa.her@gmail.com or Pastor Karen seniorpastor@lutherplace.org.

Men's Fellowship, April 11, 6:30 pm

In April, the Men's Fellowship moves to the happy hour period at Elephant & Castle, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave NW, near Metro Center. This will be our first evening gathering, with the usual fellowship and spirit-led discussion, and your participation will help us know whether this kind of setting is a good idea. We will have a semi-private space, with the opportunity to order food and beverages. Jay Forth will lead our continued discussion of inclusiveness and diversity in Luther Place, Men's Fellowship, and our individual lives. Contact to RSVP or ask questions jeff723450@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we pray for Henry Bowden and family as they grieve the death of his brother, Steve.

Second Sunday in Easter, 10:30 am & 5pm

Join us for Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary, and 5 pm in the Chapel. The morning service is broadcast live at lutherplace.org/facebook. Sermon videos are available at lutherplace.org/sermons, and normally posted by end of day Sunday.

Adult Spiritual Formation, 9:15 am

Please come for at 9 am, and then return to the library as we continue our study of the Abolition Movement. Through music and stories, we continue to learn about our history of challenging injustice.

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Sunday school for all ages begins in the Chapel.

Friends and Family Retreat—This weekend

Many of our Friends and Families are on retreat at Mar-Lu Ridge Lutheran Camp. Our theme is: Koinonia, based on a Greek word often used to describe Christian fellowship and the body of believers.

Congregational Offering

February 2018

Congregational Offering

Budgeted: \$70,000.00

Actual: \$63,807.90

Today—Welcome Lunch, 12 pm

Are you curious about Luther Place and its ministries? Do you have questions about what membership would mean for you? Join us for lunch and a time to get to know one another on **2018** immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C. Amen.

*Gathering Song: ELW 389 Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 133 (Read Responsively)

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have

that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

A May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy, and bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Sending Song: ELW 869 We Have Seen the Lord**

Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

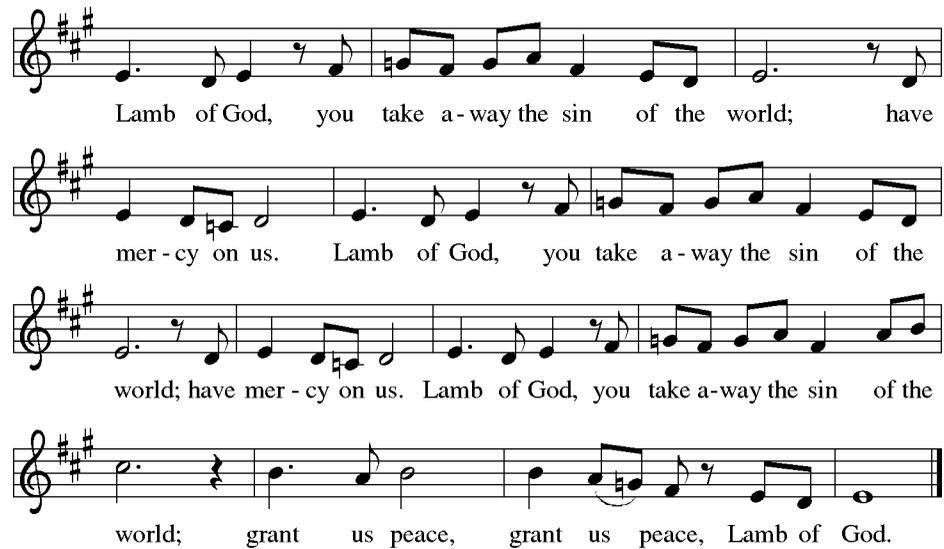
You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*Agnus Dei (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.

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.

Communion Song: ELW 465—As the Grains of Wheat

*Table Blessing

P: Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection

fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Gospel Acclamation: 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.
1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
Repeat stanza, then sing refrain
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 17:1-8

Today we offer the gospel reading that matches the Drama—An Eye for an Eye.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord

And after six days Jesus takes Peter, James and John, his brother,

And brought them up into a high mountain apart

And was transfigured before them:

And his face did shine as the sun,

And his raiment was white as the light.

And, behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Then answered Peter and said unto Jesus,

"Lord, it is good for us to be here.

"If you will, let us make here three tabernacles:

"One for you, one for Moses and one for Elias."

While he was speaking, behold, a white cloud overshadowed them

and, behold, a voice out of the sky which said,

"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him!"

When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were sore afraid.

Then Jesus came and touched them and said,

"Arise, be not afraid."

And when they had lifted their eyes they saw no man save Jesus only.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Chancel Drama—An Eye For an Eye

Live-tweeting and posting on social media is encouraged! Please use #FollowingJesus #RealChurch #EasterSeasonBeauty and don't forget to tag @LutherPlace and @KarenBrau.

"An Eye For an Eye" is one of several chancel dramas written by Prof. Paul W.F. Harms (1923-2016), M.Div., Ph.D. He taught English and speech at Concordia Sr. College in Ft. Wayne from 1956 to 1976, where he wrote and directed plays and started a chancel-drama

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,

may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

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...

***Sanctus**

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: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,
 and great is the majesty of your glory.
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but have eternal life.
 We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will
 and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
 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.

group called "The Cross and Crown Players." He later taught at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus. He was a powerful presence and had a wonderful sense of humor.

The play addresses the meaning of the Transfiguration gospel and some of the other main stories about Jesus, and it challenges us to think about what we see when we picture those stories, and what we see when we look at each other. The play is performed for us today by Rosalind Wheeler, Candace Lilyquist, and Paul Ramshaw. They will be available at the front of the church after the service for those who would like to discuss the play and share their reactions.

***Hymn of the Day: TFBF—98 Open Our Eyes**

Open our eyes Lord
 We want to see Jesus,
 To each out and touch him,
 And say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,
 And help us to listen.
 Open our eyes, Lord,
 We want to see Jesus

***Nicene Creed**

**C: 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.

Prayers of the People

A: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

*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.

Choir Anthem: Walk, Children Walk,
Children's Choir for Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, PA.

Offering Song: ELW 692 We Are an Offering

*Offering Prayer

A: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

MEAL

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.