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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



THE HOLY TRINITY 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May 27th, 2018

10:30 AM Service of Communion

Rev. Karen Brau, Senior Pastor

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.

Support ArtSmart Summer Camp

ArtSmart Summer Camp is a community-based summer camp for children in the Logan Circle neighborhood that otherwise do not have access to summer enrichment programs. 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."

Mission of the Moment: In memoriam of Charles Perry, a Luther Place member and a career United Nations officer with a profound appreciation of all cultures, a Memorial Fund was established with the express purpose of assisting those who come to this sanctuary congregation without paper documentation. Contributions to this fund are utilized for both the legal and educational needs of undocumented immigrants. Contributions may be placed in the offering plate or online at lutherplace.org/give, select the "Perry Fund," or by texting the dollar amount and Perry Fund to +12028166673.

DMV Sanctuary Congregations Network is supporting an asylum seeker from Guatemala who is expecting a baby boy in June. She and her 3-year-old are here in the DC area, while her husband is detained in Georgia. Priority needs for her and her family are: diapers (various sizes), boy baby clothes (various sizes), clothes for 3-year-old big brother, clothes for mom (medium sizes, not maternity), dresser/drawers for storage, queen mattress and box spring. If you have items you'd like to donate, please see Christiana Lundholm. Online contributions also accepted through Foundry Methodist (<http://www.foundryumc.org/giving>, and put DMV Sanctuary - Yeslin on the contribution line).

Welcome to worship at Luther Place!

Nats Night OUT, June 5, 7 pm - The tickets are \$28 each. Contact Michael Sonnenberg by if you want to purchase a ticket and join others from Luther Place for the game.

Citywide WIN Action with Council Chair Candidates, June 7, 7 pm

Luther Place will join fellow Washington Interfaith Network members to lift up critical issues, including housing affordability and immigration, to the candidates for DC council chairs. Luther Place will be coordinating transportation to Holy Comforter St. Cyprian for WIN's big summer action. Contact Catherine Hinshaw.

'Embracing Dr. King's Message for Today,' June 9, 10 am

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church invites you to their Spring 2018 McClendon Scholar in Residence Programs. On the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's death, the program takes a look at his message for us in 2018. Rev. Raphael Warnock, Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA; will be the keynote speaker. Please contact Pastor Karen Brau for more information.

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

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.

We'd love to stay connected with you this week. The easiest way to do that is by following us on social media. You're welcome to take out your phones right now and follow us on facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. We also love hearing from you and this is a great way to keep up the conversation.

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

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity,
one God, full of compassion
and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God, ourselves,
and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: External God our creator,

C: in you we live and move and have our being.

**Look upon us, your children,
The work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
And cleanse us from proud thoughts,
degrading thoughts
And empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you
Our refuge and our strength;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith,
We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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. Rita Lewis for continued healing

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!

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

All Families Are Invited, June 3, 9:15 am - Pray & Play, plus the Friends and Family group, will gather in the Chapel before everyone takes off for summer. Let's hang out, have fun conversation and drink some coffee together. Look for more information coming from Krista.

NYG Mandatory Pre-Meeting, June 3, 1 pm

Please meet in the Sanctuary after service to travel together to Reformation. Lunch is provided.

***Prayer after Communion**

A: May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Sending Song: ELW 412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity**

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God's love has been poured into our hearts
Through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God.
God forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

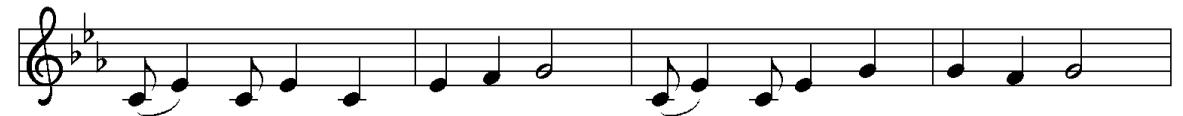
***Gathering Song: ELW 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

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

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 29 (Read Responsively)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory
thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

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)**

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.

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: Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

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 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.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

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.

**⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

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

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**

John 3:1-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these

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***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.

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.

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 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>

Offering Song: ELW 692 We Are an Offering

*Offering Prayer

A: Merciful God,
you open wide your hand
and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us.
Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷“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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: *Dancing with the Trinity*

Rev. Karen Brau

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

***Hymn of the Day: TFBF 289 Holy Holy**

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Holy, Holy

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 2 Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther,
 3 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus,
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it,
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 we're so blest to be your chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther;
 we're so glad that you've re - deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus;
 come and fill our hearts a - new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;
 hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;

and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a to - ken of our love,
 and we lift our heads be - fore you as a to - ken of our love,
 and we lift our hands be - fore you as a to - ken of our love,
 and we lift our voice be - fore you as a to - ken of our love,
 and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a to - ken of our love,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
 gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
 pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
 hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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 Music: HOLY, HOLY, Jimmy Owens, b. 1930
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***Affirmation of Baptism - ELW 234**



***Prayers of the People**

A: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

Silence

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

***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.