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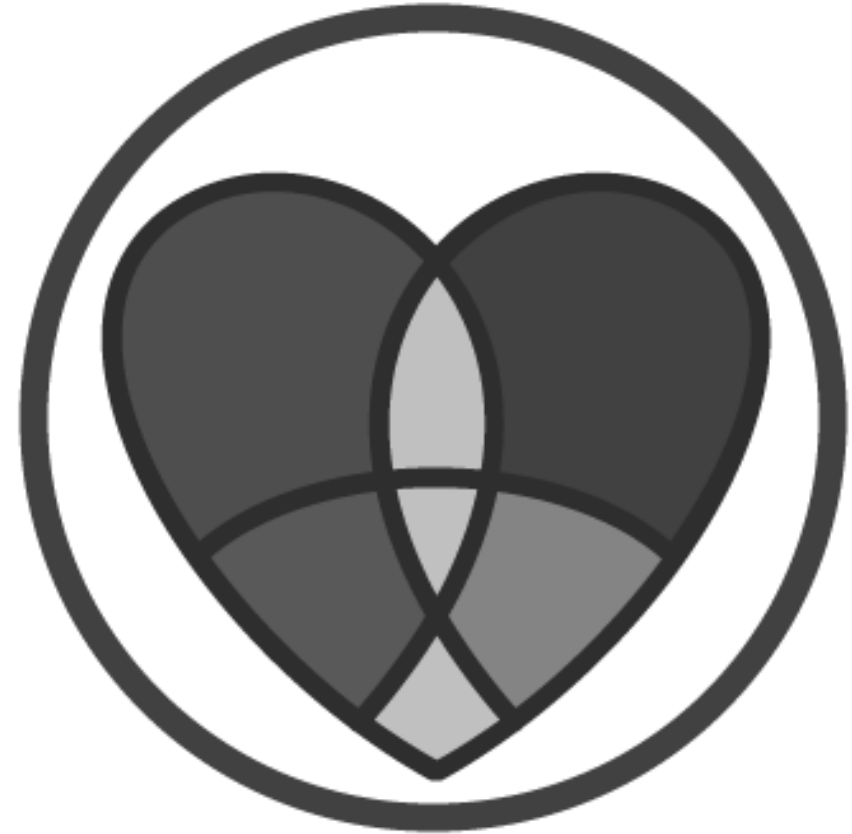
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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST RECONCILING IN CHRIST CELEBRATION

June 10th, 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

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.

20s/30s Happy Hour, June 21, 7 pm - Join the 20s/30s group in celebrating LGBTQ Pride Month at our June Happy Hour, where will be discussing the gifts of sexuality and gender identity as part of God's creation. Meet us at Baan Thai, 1326 14th St NW, Second Floor. Contact Collin Bradley: collinbradley45@gmail.com

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."

Our annual summer camp is just around the corner. Camp needs lots of food and art supply donations. Please consider donating items—list can be found on our website.

Make sure you stop outside on 14th Street & look at the newly painted Pride Doors. Please post a picture on social media and tag #RainbowAffirmation #GodsDoorsAreOpenToAll #RainbowHospitality



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we pray for:

Rita Lewis for continued healing. Rose Shaw as she goes into surgery tomorrow. For all who suffer with mental illness.

Congregational Offering

May 2018

Budgeted: \$35,000

Actual: \$28,185

YTD as of 05/31/18

Budgeted: \$218,000

Actual: \$206,681

Pastor Karen Sabbatical, September-November 2018

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

Adult Spiritual Formation, 9:15 am - We explore, "Windows into the Beloved Community." Please join us in the Library.

2018 Poor People's March on Washington, June 10-12, 5-9 pm - We are excited to offer the Luther Place library as a "cooling off area" for march participants that are elderly, disabled, or with young children. We invite our members and friends to stop by and share some of that well-known Luther Place hospitality. For more information please visit:

www.economichumanrights.org/2018-poor-peoples-march/

Interfaith Pride Service, June 13, 7:30 pm - The annual service is hosted by Metropolitan Community Church-DC, 474 Ridge Street NW

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: jeff723450@gmail.com

NYG Mandatory Pre-Meeting, June 17, 1 pm - This meeting, and send-off lunch and blessings with families will be hosted at Luther Place.

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.

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. There is a baby changing area in the nursery.

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 *This is My Father's World* arr. Philip M. Young
Jacob Nordman, trumpet Justin Fitch, organ

Worship today is a Reconciling in Christ Sunday service naming, celebrating, and advocating for transgender and genderqueer people. The liturgy was organized by Reconciling Works Lutherans for Full Participation—specifically Leo Bancroft, Laura Ferree, Rev. Asher O'Callaghan, & Jonathan Rundquist. And organized by our congregational LGBTQ ministry called EMBRACE.

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:

P: Holy God

C: When we have had power, we forgot what it is for.

We raised ourselves further up.

We have not used our gifts to speak truth to power in love, to lift up the voices of those beaten down.

When we have been weak, we have let ourselves be told we were broken beyond repair, and forgot the promise that each of us is Your child, made in Your image.

We have listened to the siren song of the world that says what we get is what we deserve.

We have forgotten your grace.

In this space, remind us.

P: Hear the good news! God has not watched from far away, but has come near to be with us, to free us from our pain, and to offer us new life. God has declared that we are not separate, but children of one family, united in Jesus our lord.

C: Amen. Alleluia!

Communion Song: ELW 496 One Bread, One Body

*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 720 We Are Called

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

***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, have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, 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, have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, 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, grant us your peace, da - nos tu paz, grant us your peace.

Communion:

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

***Table Blessing (Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church)**

P: May we who have fed at Wisdom's table take her welcome out to where tables are reserved and doors are closed; may the Spirit drive us to break our bread on the altar of the world.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song: ELW 641 All Are Welcome**

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 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 health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
3 For peace in our hearts, for friends and fam - i - ly;
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you 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**

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
 upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
 he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel."

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

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.

We remember that night Jesus spent with his friends, and we feel his presence with us now. We ask God, through the Holy Spirit to bless these gifts we offer and share, making them Christ for us, and making us into Christ's holy body. Together with all the church, we give you thanks: Creator, Redeemer, Spirit of love. Bind us together. Open our hearts. Grant us peace.

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.

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.

*Sanctus

*1**



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

He took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Psalm 130 (Read Responsively)

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your words my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

Mark 3:20-35

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He

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.

P: Lifegiving God. We thank you, divine Seamstress For you never stop creating. From the dawn of time, to our mother’s womb, even in the age to come, Your creativity is as endless as eternity. Today you are knitting us your people Into a garment of many colors.

We thank you, Holy Spirit, For you do not allow us to grow complacent. You stir up dreams and visions within us Making us restless for a new Heaven and a new Earth. You clothe us with power to bring these dreams to life. In you, we are beginning to see all things anew.

We thank you, Christ our Savior For your wondrous transformation Word made into flesh. You challenge us with foreign experiences Teaching us that those we thought were strange and cut off Are members in your holy body.

Therefore, with Joseph and all of Israel’s children, With the confused disciples and the Ethiopian eunuch, With all who have shown us your way, All who have gone before us, And all those we gather with this day, We praise your name:

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 Anthem: Fill-a Me Up by Pepper Choplin Luther Place Choir

Offering Song: ELW 185 Create in Me a Clean Heart

*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.

has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Rainbow Hospitality: What are we for? Rev. Karen Brau
Live-tweeting and posting on social media is encouraged! Please use #FollowingJesus #RealChurch and don’t forget to tag @LutherPlace and @KarenBraun.

*Hymn of the Day: O God, In Your Love

ST. DENIO 11.11.11 (“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”)

O God, in your love, you have made us unique:
In gifts and traditions, in service we seek,
In race and in culture and family design
Diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.

Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;
You welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.
You reached out to people whom others despised
You said all are precious in God's loving eyes.

So may your church welcome in loving accord
All people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.
O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son
In mission and ministry, God, make us one.

***New Members—Affirmation of Baptism** ELW front of book page 234

***Creed** by Sarah Moon

**C: I believe in God, our Mother Bear, source of all being.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s wisdom made flesh,
along with Sophia, the church, and all that live in wisdom.
Born of the bad-ass womanist liberation theologian, Mary,
suffered under the systems of oppression of this world,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
forever joining in solidarity with those murdered by Empire.**

**On the third day, the women declared Christ risen;
signifying God’s “No” to oppression.
Jesus points to God our Mother Bear,
who works in this world,
calling for justice for the poor and oppressed.
I believe in Sophia Spirit,
Christ’s body, the church,
the communion of saints,
the grace to reject this world’s systems,
hope for justice in the future,
and renewed life everlasting.
Amen.**

***Prayers of the People**

A: With the whole earth, let us lift our hearts and voices in prayer.
For the Church, as we seek to live out our call to be sanctuary,
to proclaim welcome, love, and hospitality. God of love,

C: Hear our Prayer

A: For our planet and all creation. Shield those places in danger, inspire us to
protect the earth. We pray especially for the victims of hurricanes,
earthquakes, fires, and flooding around the world. God of love,

C: Hear our Prayer

A: For communities, cities and nations, may they become places where no one
is excluded or discriminated against, where love is our rule and justice is
our practice. Help us to end systemic racism. Protect those who fear
deportation and violence. God of love,

C: Hear our Prayer

A: For people in our lives and those unknown to us who need healing, care
and compassion, especially the hungry, those without homes, the refugee
and the stranger. God of love,

C: Hear our Prayer

A: For those who are sick, and those who are healing, especially...
For those who live with chronic pain, mental illness, or addiction,
especially ...
For those who grieve, especially ...
For those who are seeking employment or housing, especially ...
God of love,

C: Hear our Prayer

A: We pray for those who need hope.
For those who feel excluded.
For those who are experiencing dysphoria.

For all to know they are beloved by God, and worthy of love. We pray for all
those we hold in our hearts and name now, either silently or aloud.

***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.