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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

June 24, 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.

**GenOut Camp, July 16-20** - GenOUT, the DC area's only choral ensemble for LGBTQ+ and allied youth, will be hosting its 4th annual day camp

**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



## COUNCIL MEMBERS—BLESSING TODAY:

Each year at the congregation's annual meeting, five council members are elected to serve a three-year term. The current council members are:

**Term Expires 2019:** Patrick Callahan, Christina Davis, Ann Hill, Tara Hogan, & Elizabeth Mountenay

**Term Expires 2020:** Candace Lilyquist, Christiana Lundholm, Einar Olsen, Kate Wulff, & Michael Wendt

**Term Expires 2021:** Tanay Tatum-Edwards, Elizabeth Ellis, Jay Forth, Thomas Randall, & Doug Walter

**Sacred Commons Gardening** — This Thursday, June 28th at 6:00 pm, and regular Sundays after worship! Please meet Ed Miller at the back of the Sanctuary and bring your own gloves if you have them.

**Summer Break—no 1st Sunday Breakfast for July and August**—we will restart this ministry of fellowship and hospitality in September

### **Support ArtSmart Summer Camp**

Our annual summer camp is just around the corner July 2nd. Camp needs lots of food and art supply donations. Please consider donating items—list can be found on our website. 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.”

**Exciting News, June 27, 7:30 pm (CT)** - Our StLuthRef youth group has been invited to be part of the opening mass gathering worship. The mass gathering and other events will be broadcast live.

**SoulFiesta—Community block party—Sunday, July 22** (notice this year we are testing out hosting it on a Sunday!) Our annual block party is intended to build community across unlikely relationships within the neighborhood and congregation—join us after worship for fun including food, games, music, and arts. If you would like to help please contact Kristen at [Kristen@lutherplace.org](mailto:Kristen@lutherplace.org).



## **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](http://www.lutherplace.org/sermons).



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

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

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

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

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome

*We welcome you to worship today! Some of today's Worship resources are from Reconciling Works. 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!**

**\*Gathering Song: ELW 673 God, Whose Almighty Word**

### 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 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.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

**\*Sending Song: ELW 625 Come, We That Love the Lord**

### Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today, we pray for:

Candace Lilyquist father, Baby Elliot, Rita Lewis, Sound leadership in turbulent times, Families traumatized at the border and children separated from their parents.

### 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.

**\*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Communion:**

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

**\*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.

**Communion Song:** ELW 471 Let Us Break Bread Together

**\*Kyrie Dakota Road**

*Refrain*

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

*Last time*

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

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

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

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

*Refrain*

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

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

**FIRST READING**

**Job 38:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped?”

**Reader:** Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,

for God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

**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.

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

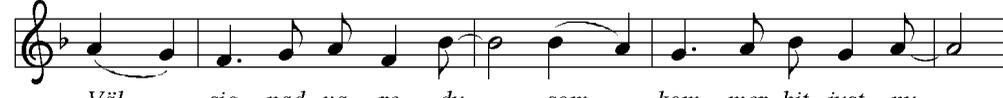
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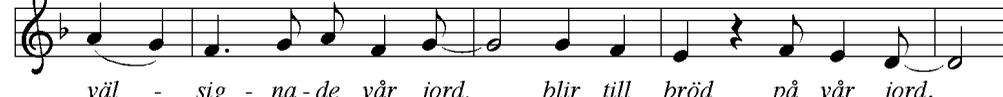
Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



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.

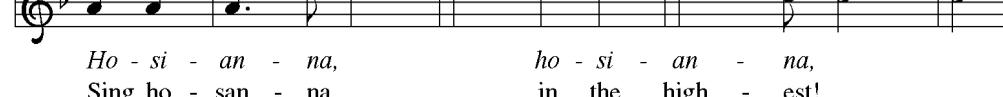
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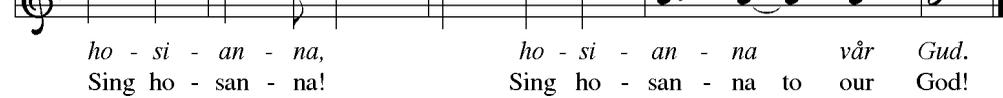
Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



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!

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the sea in ships,  
plying their trade in deep waters.**

<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works of the LORD,  
God's wonderful works in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
their souls melted away in their peril.

<sup>27</sup>**They staggered and reeled like drunkards,  
and all their skill was of no avail.**

<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from their distress.

<sup>29</sup>**You stilled the storm to a whisper  
and silenced the waves of the sea.**

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

<sup>31</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

## Second Reading:

## 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge,

patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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.

**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:

**A:** Eternal God, we give thanks for all the saints who have commended themselves to you in every way and who have endured in faith (especially John the Baptist). Bring us at last to the acceptable time of salvation for all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**\*Exchange of Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Announcements**

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

**Offering**

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

**Offering Song: ELW 185 Create in Me a Clean Heart**

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 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.**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 4:35-41**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon: Sleepy Jesus and the Problem of Evil**

Rev. Robert Lee, IV

We welcome Rev Rob Lee, IV. to our pulpit today. We met at the recent Festival of Homiletics when Rev Lee talked about his recent experience of losing his job after speaking publicly in support of Black Lives Matter. He feels a kinship with Luther Place and the pew that bears his relatives’ name: Robert E Lee.

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 When the Storms of Life are Raging**



1 When the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me;  
 2 In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, stand by me;  
 3 In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me;  
 4 In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, stand by me;  
 5 When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble, stand by me;



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when the world is toss - ing me like a ship up - on the sea;  
 when the hosts of hell as - sail, and my strength be - gins to fail,  
 when I do the best I can, and my friends mis - un - der - stand,  
 when my foes in battle ar - ray un - der - take to stop my way,  
 when my life be - comes a burden, and I'm near - ing chil - ly Jordan,



thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.  
 thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, stand by me.  
 thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand by me.  
 thou who saved . . . Paul and Si - las, stand by me.  
 O thou Lil - y of the Val - ley, stand by me.

Text: Charles A. Tindley, 1851–1933  
 Music: STAND BY ME, Charles A. Tindley, 1851–1933

**Blessings of the Luther Place Congregational Council**

**\*Prayers of the People**

**A:** Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God’s merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Empowering God, you call your church to boldly proclaim your day of salvation. Bring unity to the faithful and provide opportunities for collaboration as we bring your good news to the world. Let the youth of our churches hear your love for them (as they gather in Houston this coming week). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Creating God, you call forth life from the swirling waters of chaos, and you pour out water that nourishes the earth. Send forth ample rain for crops to flourish. Speak peace wherever homes, towns, businesses, and lands are damaged by hurricanes, floods, and tropical storms. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Powerful God, come to the aid of all nations and leaders who fear storms of conflict, violence, or injustice (especially). Raise up advocates and peacemakers to speak truth and hope into the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Saving God, grant endurance and comfort to all who suffer affliction, hardship, hunger, violence, or sleepless nights of pain or anxiety. Give your promise of healing to all who long for salvation (especially). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Covenant God, you call us by name and claim us as your own. We pray for those who prepare for baptism, those who have recently been baptized, and all who are called by baptism into lives of proclamation and service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**