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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



## 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 3rd, 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](http://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.

## Capital Pride March, June 9

We will have a fun time on the MetroDC Synod float and throwing beads to the crowd. 9:00 am Prayer Breakfast Gathering at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2100 New Hampshire Ave NW. Breakfast will be provided by Augustana Young Adults. 11:00 am FLOAT Pre-Decorating the DC Metro Lutheran Churches. Alley of Augustana. 2:00 pm Head to staging area. 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

## 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."

**DMV Sanctuary Congregations Network** is supporting an asylum seeker from Guatemala who is expecting a baby boy. She and her 3-year-old are in the DC area, while her husband is detained in Georgia. Priority needs 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).

**Worship Volunteers Needed** - if you are interested please email Xavier: [Operations@lutherplace.org](mailto:Operations@lutherplace.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today, we pray for:

The family of Richard Brau, Pastor's uncle, who died. Pastor Karen and family are traveling to North Carolina this weekend for the 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!

### Today—NYG Mandatory Pre-Meeting, June 3, 1 pm

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

**Nats Night OUT, June 5, 7 pm** - The tickets are \$28 each. Contact Michael Sonnenberg—[michaelsonnenberg4647@gmail.com](mailto:michaelsonnenberg4647@gmail.com)

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

Washington Interfaith Network members will lift up critical issues, including housing affordability and immigration, to the candidates for DC council chairs. Luther Place will coordinate transportation to Holy Comforter St. Cyprian. Contact: [catherine.hinshaw16@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.hinshaw16@gmail.com)

### '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. Contact Pastor Karen Brau: [seniorpastor@lutherplace.org](mailto:seniorpastor@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.

**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! 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.

### 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.**

### \*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 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

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.**

**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.

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 513 Listen, God Is Calling**

**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.  
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**\*Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray...

**C: Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

### 1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. <sup>2</sup>One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**Reader:** Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

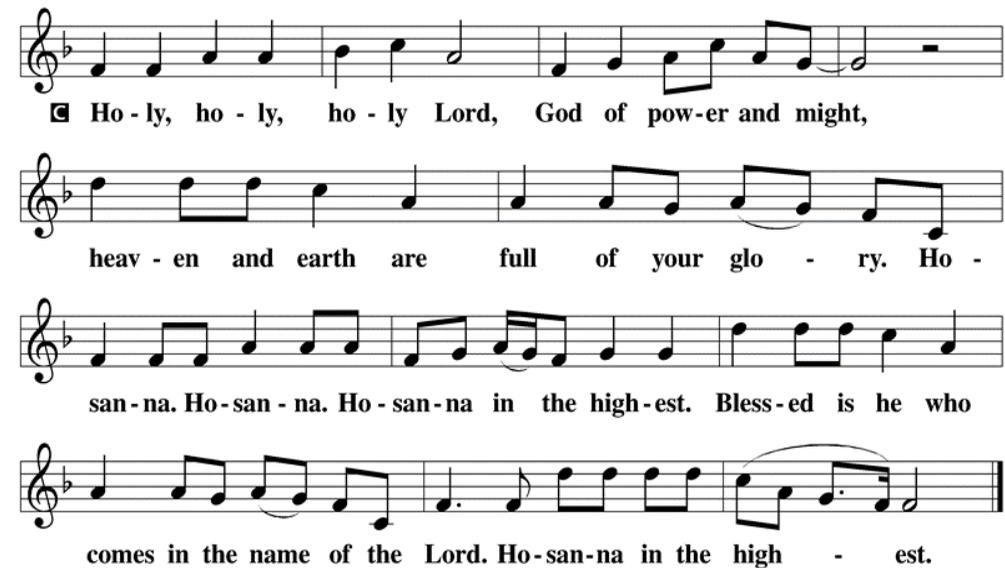
**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Read Responsively)

- <sup>1</sup>You have searched me, Lord,  
and you know me.  
<sup>2</sup>**You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**  
<sup>3</sup>You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup>**Before a word is on my tongue  
you, Lord, know it completely.**  
<sup>5</sup>You hem me in behind and before,

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: 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.**

## 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 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.

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.

and you lay your hand upon me.

**6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.**

13 For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.**

15 My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

**16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.**

17 How precious to me are your thoughts,[a] God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

**18 Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.**

### Second Reading:

**2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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**

**Mark 2:23-3:6**

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

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

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” <sup>8</sup>

But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon:**

Dr. Tony Carpenter

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: ELW 523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet**

**\*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.



**Stewardship Matters**  
Living Together Generously: Building for the Future

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>

*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.**