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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

August 26, 2018

10:30 AM Service of Communion

Rev. Tony Carpenter, Interim Sabbatical Pastor

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.

## Blessing and Welcome Brunch for LVC Incoming Class, August 26

Over 40 years ago, Luther Place founded the Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) and ever since LVC has placed volunteers in full-time service positions at social service agencies across the country. We will bless the new group of DC LVCer's during the 10:30 am worship. After worship, join us Teak Wood, 1323 14th Street NW, for a welcome brunch for the 2018 class of LVC DC volunteers. Get to know this group of servants and welcome them to the city and Luther Place communities. Brunch is complimentary for all attendees

## Gathering Sunday

September 9th we will celebrate all the ways you can engage with Luther Place. At 9:15am we will kick-off Sunday School for the Fall season, both for children and youth and also the Adult Spiritual Formation. After worship there will be information regarding ways to relate in ministry and also information highlighting what's going on as we build the beloved community together! Word has it that there will be a reveal of new things and treats to accompany the post-worship fellowship.

**The Protest and Movement committee** is looking for volunteers to help engage the congregation in movements for justice. Please join the committee for its next meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, September 9. If you cannot attend the meeting on September 9, please contact Einar Olsen at [es.olsen8@gmail.com](mailto:es.olsen8@gmail.com) or Jay Forth at [julian.n.forth@gmail.com](mailto:julian.n.forth@gmail.com).

## You're Invited!! St. Francis Pet Blessing & Festival

Sunday, October 7th at 2pm Whether you have an animal companion or not, join us as we honor God's creatures! There will be a blessing of pets and a community celebration with music, food, and fun! Word says it we will also have Pet Portraits!! \*If you are interested helping to plan or serve as a leader for this ministry event please contact Kristen Kane at [Kriten@lutherplace.org](mailto:Kriten@lutherplace.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today, we pray for:

The Kimball-Eayers family on the death of Brad's father, Jim. Cheryl Barnes, on the death of her brother, Calvin. For those in need of healing, Lolly Stewart, Rita Lewis, All elders, for those feeling alone, All facing healing from surgery, All coping with mental illness, Sound leadership in turbulent times, families traumatized at the border and children separated from their parents.

### Congregational Offering

#### July 2018

Budgeted: \$38,000

Actual: \$36,607

#### YTD as of 07/31/18

Budgeted: \$291,000

Actual: \$279,565

### Welcome Pastor Tony Carpenter—Interim Sabbatical Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tony and Mrs. Joanne Carpenter will be with us until December 2, 2018, covering while Pastor Karen Brau is on sabbatical.

### Pastor Karen Sabbatical, September-November 2018

Pastor Karen is on sabbatical. Please see website for a blog on Sabbath Care! She returns December 2, 2018. Pastor Tony Carpenter is with us during this time.

### Adult Spiritual Formation, September 2nd at 9:15 am—

Labor Day Weekend: Each year, Labor Day is celebrated to recognize the achievements and contributions working people have made in this country. A singular depiction of “the American worker” is often taught in textbooks, while the history of labor organizing and the people involved is richly diverse. Mikaela Ferrill invites you to join in on a discussion on the history of labor organizing, particularly migrant farm workers in California, and current movements across the country and in the District.

**September 16th**, the Rev. Dr. Tony Carpenter and Gary Maring will lead a series of Adult Spiritual Formation conversations on the book, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Everyone is invited. If you have trouble securing a copy of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, please contact Gary Maring at [m.gmaring@verizon.net](mailto:m.gmaring@verizon.net).

## 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

*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. We use social media here - Please check in and tag @LutherPlace and @LutherPlaceDC*

### Confession:

**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 and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**C: Eternal God our creator,  
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 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.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

### \*Sending Song: Christ Be With Us ("Alleluia, Sing to Jesus")

Christ be with us, Christ behind us, Christ before us — all around!  
Christ in busy, noisy cities, Christ where hardly rings a sound.  
Jesus, you're our Lord and Savior; On your love we can depend.  
Help us see your presence clearly In each stranger and each friend.

Christ in lines of people fleeing, Praying that a war will cease;  
Christ in battered women's shelters, Looking for a place of peace.  
Christ with people sick or dying, Loved ones trying hard to cope  
In this world of so much suffering, Christ, you give your people hope.

Christ with children who must struggle, Working hard for daily food;  
Christ in classrooms, learning, growing, Asking questions, seeking good;  
Christ in diners, waiting tables; Christ in homes where children play  
In this world of people working, Christ, you work through us today.

Christ with all who keep on struggling, Helping others to be free;  
Christ with churches working, searching For a greater unity;  
Christ, in bread and wine, be with us, Giving strength for each new day  
In this world of daily crosses, Be our joyful, living Way.

### Blessing

**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.**

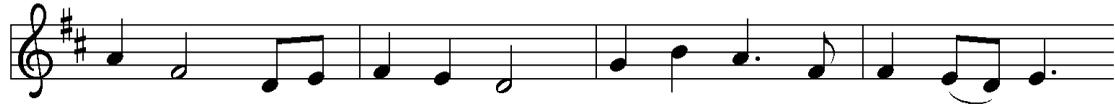
### Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

## Communion Song: ELW 479 We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

### \*Table Blessing

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.

### \*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.

## \*Gathering Song: ELW 542 O Living Bread from Heaven

### 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.

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### \*Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

**24** Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3</sup> Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

<sup>14</sup> “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup> and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup> But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” <sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” <sup>23</sup> He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are

### \*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.

**C: Amen.**

## 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.*

among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”<sup>24</sup> The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.”<sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**C: Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 34:15-22

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

### SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of

righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Acclamation: TFBF 25 Halle Halle Halle**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

**\*Sanctus**

<sup>1</sup>\*  
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.  
<sup>2</sup>  
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!

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.

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.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 6:56-69**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon:** *Decisions, decisions, decisions!*

Rev. Tony Carpenter

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

**\*Hymn of the Day:** *Gado de wan bun Gado* from Suriname

Led by Ashley Carter

**Leader: Gado de wan bun Gado**

So a de  
A hopo mi  
A drai mi in lontu  
A pot mi futu  
na hey gron

**Leader: God is a good God**

Yes he is  
He raised me up  
He turned me around  
He placed my feet  
On high ground

**\*Prayers of the People**

A: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: ...Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**\*Exchange of Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**Announcements**

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

**Welcome & Pray for the DC Lutheran Volunteer Corp Members**

Kelsey Kauffman, LVC Program Lead

**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**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

**\*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.

**C:** Amen.