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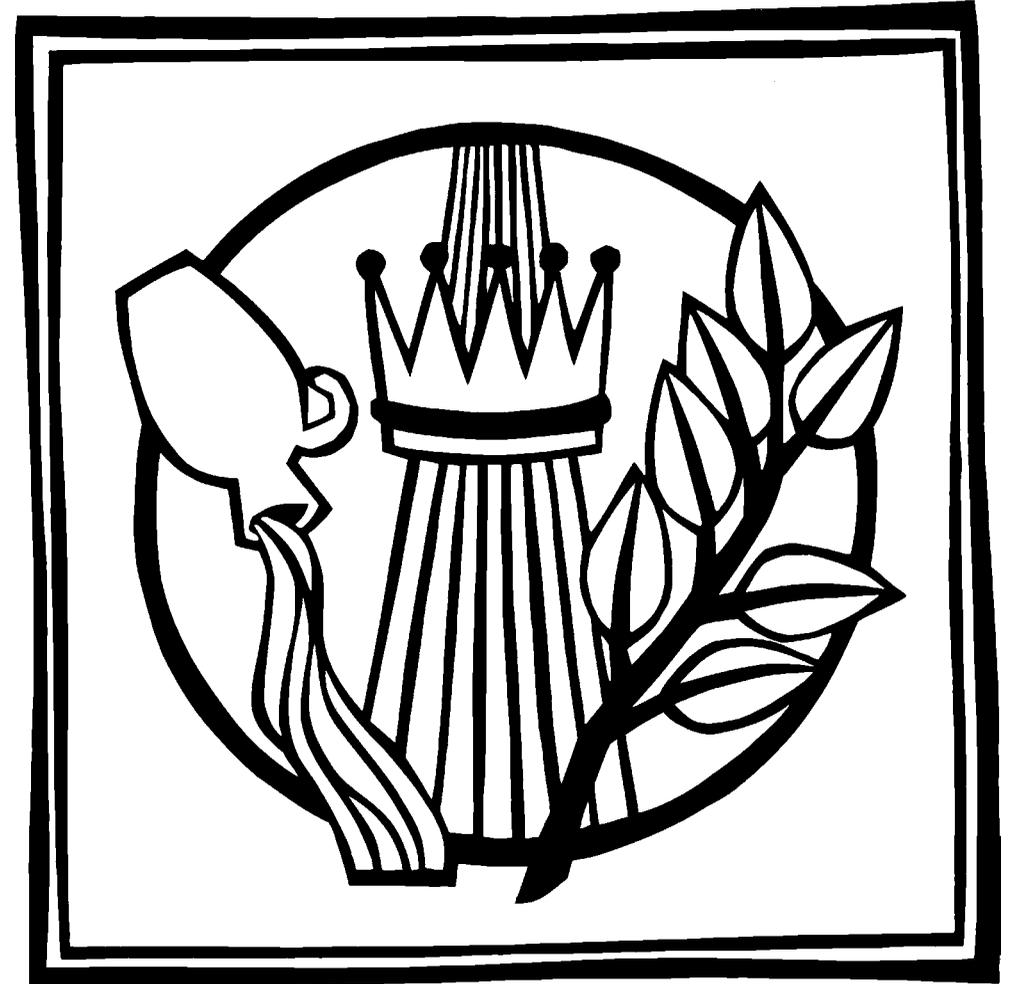
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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

September 16, 2018

10:30 AM Service of Communion

Rev. Tony Carpenter, Interim Sabbatical Pastor

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**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.

## First Sunday Breakfast is NOW a BRUNCH, October 7, 12 pm

Starting in October, the Luther Place Youth will be making brunch for the congregation, offering an opportunity for engagement and fellowship after worship. Brunch will be hosted in the All Saints Room. Different ministries will host a conversation during brunch ranging from table questions to a short ministry talk. Get connected, meet new people, and enjoy a bite of food. Contact Kristen Kane [Kristen@lutherplace.org](mailto:Kristen@lutherplace.org).

## 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 Photos, crafts, and games!! \*If you are interested helping to plan or serve as a leader for this ministry event please contact [Kriten@lutherplace.org](mailto:Kriten@lutherplace.org)

**20s/30s Fall Retreat, October 12-14** - The group will gather for its annual retreat at Rolling Ridge in Harpers Ferry, WV. Led by Pastor Katie Chatelaine-Samsen, the retreat will center on the theme of Words and Actions that Embody Our Faith. Contact Christina Andeweg [andeweg.c@gmail.com](mailto:andeweg.c@gmail.com) or 515-867-1741 to RSVP or with any questions.

## N Street Village SHERO Walk, October 20

Join members and friends of Luther Place for the **SHERO Walk** in support of N Street Village, helping women find their inner SHERO! The Village Community will band together to support the nearly 2,000 women it serves each year for the SHERO Walk. Luther Place members may contact Gary Maring [gary.e.maring@gmail.com](mailto:gary.e.maring@gmail.com) or Dan Corbett [dan@drdcorbett.net](mailto:dan@drdcorbett.net) with any questions. If you haven't already, please consider supporting N Street Villages' 45th Anniversary—find the donation link online.

### **Men's Fellowship Brunch, September 22, 10 am**

Dan Corbett has offered to host the next gathering at his home in the Woodley/Cleveland Park area. RSVP to [jeff723450@gmail.com](mailto:jeff723450@gmail.com) for the address and directions.

### **Adult Spiritual Formation, September 23, 9:15 am**

Two powerful symbols -- the cross and the lynching tree -- are prevalent motifs interwoven in the lives of African Americans. Theologian James Cone notes, "The crucifixion of Jesus by the Romans in Jerusalem and the lynching of blacks by whites in the United States are so amazingly similar that one wonders what blocks the American Christian imagination from seeing the connection." Please join *Pr. Tony Carpenter* and *Gary Maring* as they lead a discussion around Cone's book, "The Cross and the Lynching Tree."

### **Embrace! Food & Friends Volunteer Opportunity, September 25, 6 pm -**

Members of Luther Place are invited to join the Embrace! Ministry as we prepare meals at Food & Friends. Contact Michael Sonnenberg [michaelsonnenberg4647@gmail.com](mailto:michaelsonnenberg4647@gmail.com) to volunteer.

### **Dismantling Racism Workshop, September 25, 6 pm**

Our neighbors at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church invite members and friends of Luther Place to participate in this workshop led by Dr. David Campt, author of *The White Ally Toolkit Workbook*.

### **Night Shelter Celebration and Looking Forward, September 30**

During worship we will celebrate the ministry of the Luther Place Night Shelter and its faith formation of this congregation. We will also share about the exciting ways the 4th floor will be used for ministry with the Steinbruck Center.

### **Sacred Commons Gardening, October 6**

All gardeners are invited to weed at any time this fall! Put your collected foliage in the trash cans below street level on the N Street side. There will be no organized gardening in September or November, but mark your calendars for Saturday, October 6, to complete the rain garden. RSVP to Ed Miller by phone at 410-926-7557.

### **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.**

**For emergency requiring pastoral care, we offer several options:** Please reach out to Pastor Carpenter by email at [RevTony@lutherplace.org](mailto:RevTony@lutherplace.org); or call Margaret Maring at 301-469-7609. You may also call the church office and speak with Xavier at 202-667-1377.

### Interested in the music ministry?

#### Opportunities include:

Adult Choir – Weekly rehearsal Sundays 9:30-10:30

Handbell Choir – Monthly rehearsals TBD

Children's Music – Sunday School Hour

Instrumental/Vocal Solos

Contact Justin at [music@lutherplace.org](mailto:music@lutherplace.org) for more information.

**Adult Spiritual Formation, 9:15:** We will kick off a series of discussions around the “The Cross and the Lynching Tree” with a video. If you've not yet had the opportunity to read the book, this comprehensive interview of theologian and author James Cone will provide context for upcoming ASF discussions. Journalist Bill Moyers interviewed Cone about his study of two powerful and prevalent symbols interwoven in the lives of African Americans -- the cross and the lynching tree. Cone notes in his book, “The crucifixion of Jesus by the Romans in Jerusalem and the lynching of blacks by whites in the United States are so amazingly similar that one wonders what blocks the American Christian imagination from seeing the connection.” Reverend Tony and Gary Maring will lead the discussion this Sunday, as well as on the subsequent two Sundays.

**20s/30s Happy Hour—Thursday, September 20- 7pm-** Bann Thai (1326 14th Street NW, 2nd Floor) Join the 20/30s for discussion over tasty food and drink every third Thursday of the month. September Topic: Boycotts. Contact [Christine.m.frye@gmail.com](mailto:Christine.m.frye@gmail.com) with questions.

**Third Saturday Youth Service Corp Outreach Run, September 22, 9:30am** Middle and High School Youth are invited to come to the Steinbruck Center for a faith-filled service learning opportunity on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Youth can also receive community service hours. This Saturday's service will be with the National Coalition for the Homeless. RSVP to the [steinbruckcenter@lutherplae.org](mailto:steinbruckcenter@lutherplae.org)

## SENDING

**\*Sending Song: ELW 806 O God, My Faithful God**

### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we pray for those in need of healing, Lolly Stuart, 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

<u>August 2018</u>	<u>YTD as of 08/31/18</u>
<b>Budgeted: \$35,000</b>	<b>Budgeted: \$326,000</b>
<b>Actual: \$27,726</b>	<b>Actual: \$307,291</b>

### Pastor Karen Sabbatical, September-November 2018

Pastor Karen is on sabbatical. Please see website for a blog on Sabbath Care! Rev.  
Dr. Tony and Mrs. Joanne Carpenter will be with us until December 2, 2018,  
covering while Pastor Karen Brau is on sabbatical.

**\*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.
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: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and  
by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of  
the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow  
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**C: Thanks be to God**

**\*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.

**Communion:**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Communion Song: ELW 493 Taste and See**

**\*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.**

## 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.*

## PSALM

Psalm 116:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; t  
he anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches over the innocent;  
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

## SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by

hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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.

**\*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**

**Mark 8:27-38**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon: The Cost of Discipleship**

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: ELW 798 Will You Come and Follow Me?**

**\*Prayers of the People**

A: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church,  
those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

*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.*

**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.**