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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

September 30, 2018

10:30 AM Service of Communion

Rev. Tony Carpenter, Interim Sabbatical Pastor

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**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.

## 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.

**Luther Place Goes to the Farm—All Are Welcome** Saturday, October 20, ALL AGES are invited to the Farm Festival at Larriland Farms! There are a variety of ways to enjoy the Day. The 1<sup>st</sup> round of Luther Place people will meet at the Farm (2415 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, MD 21797) at 10:30 AM for a Hayride and the second round of people will join and meet the group at 12:15pm by the RED BARN for a BYO picnic lunch—and then enjoy the farm—there is apple & pumpkin picking, hay maze, hay rides, a kid-friendly haunted house, homemade apple fritters (yum) and more. Check out [www.pickyourown.com](http://www.pickyourown.com) for more information. **If you need a ride—we will be departing Luther Place at 11am.** \*Please RSVP to Kristen at [kristen@lutherplace.org](mailto:kristen@lutherplace.org)—please indicate if you will meet us at the farm at 10:30am or 12:15 and/or if you need a ride.

**SAVE THE DATE: Congregational Retreat, November 3, 9:30 – 2:00 pm**  
Contact Jackson Droney-[jackson.droney@gmail.com](mailto:jackson.droney@gmail.com)

## 20s/30s and Embrace! LGBTQ+ Brunch, November 4. 12 pm -

Both ministry groups are joining together for a brunch. Enjoy good company with new and old friends at the Shake Shack. 1400 14th St NW. Brunch is available for individual purchase from the regular menu. See you there!

## Congregational Service Day, November 17, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Join us for service opportunities for all ages! We will build the bunk beds for the Steinbruck Center Hostel on the 4th floor and have a variety of other hands-on projects at Luther Place.

## **New Connection's Campaign—Listening Campaign at Luther Place—**

October 7th, 12pm in the Chapel to learn more about our New Connections Campaign—The first phase is an Internal Listening where we will have the opportunity to listen deeply to one another, and to God's callings. Our meeting together will give an overview of the campaign and train you to be a listener in the congregation.

## **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)

**Parents' Night Out, October 7, 4:30-7:30 pm** - Ms. Barbara and a crew of sitters looking forward to hosting your children as you head out for adult conversations. RSVP to Becky Ballard [beckyball@gmail.com](mailto:beckyball@gmail.com) by September 23. Include the number of adults and the number of children and their ages.

**Fall Intercambio, October 9, 6 pm** - Join us for English/Spanish language exchange dinners at Luther Place! All levels welcome. If you're interested in a weekly language partner, we are now matching pairs. RSVP to Catherine Hinshaw [catherine.hinshaw16@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.hinshaw16@gmail.com) for the dinners and/or sign up.

**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.

## **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 and invite you to 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 Series, 9:15 am -** Please join Pr. Tony Carpenter and Gary Maring as they lead a discussion around Cone's book, "The Cross and the Lynching Tree."

**Youth Service Corps—Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8:30pm** Middle and High School Youth are invited to a faith-filled service learning opportunity on the 1st Thursday of each month. We will meet at Luther Place at 5pm, eat dinner together, and then walk to serve dinner for the members of the Patricia Handy Place for Women, a transitional shelter operated by N Street Village—RSVP or questions to [steinbruckcenter@lutherplace.org](mailto:steinbruckcenter@lutherplace.org).

### 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.

## SENDING

### Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of God, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Song: Sending: ELW 540 Go, Make Disciples**

### Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we pray for guidance for the Lutheran Church of Australia, meeting in national assembly during the first week of October; 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

August 2018

YTD as of 08/31/18

**Budgeted: \$35,000**

**Budgeted: \$326,000**

**Actual: \$27,726**

**Actual: \$307,291**

### 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.

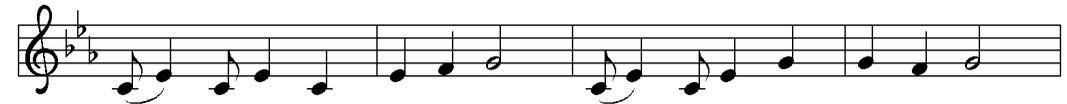
**\*Gathering Song: ELW 866 Marching in the Light of God**

### 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: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And

### \*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.*

a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### PSALM

**Psalms 19:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

### SECOND READING

**James 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the



**\*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.**

**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 9:38-50**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon:** *The Beloved Community*

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: Aleluya Y'in Oluwa (Alleluia, Praise to God)**

Led by Ashley Carter

*Verse 1*

Aleluya Y'in Oluwa  
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O seun, o seun, o seun, o seun baba  
Aleluya Y'in Oluwa

Alleluia, praise to God.  
Alleluia, praise to God.  
Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.  
Alleluia, praise to God.

*Verse 2*

E k'orin ayo s'Oluwa  
E k'orin ayo s'Oluwa  
ka f'ope fun ka se tun maa jo  
e k'orin ayo s'Oluwa

Songs of joy sing out to God.  
Songs of joy sing out to God.  
Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God.  
Songs of joy sing out to God.

**\*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.*

**Commemoration of the Luther Place Night Shelter**

**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.*

*To the right is the QR code for the giving portal.*



**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.