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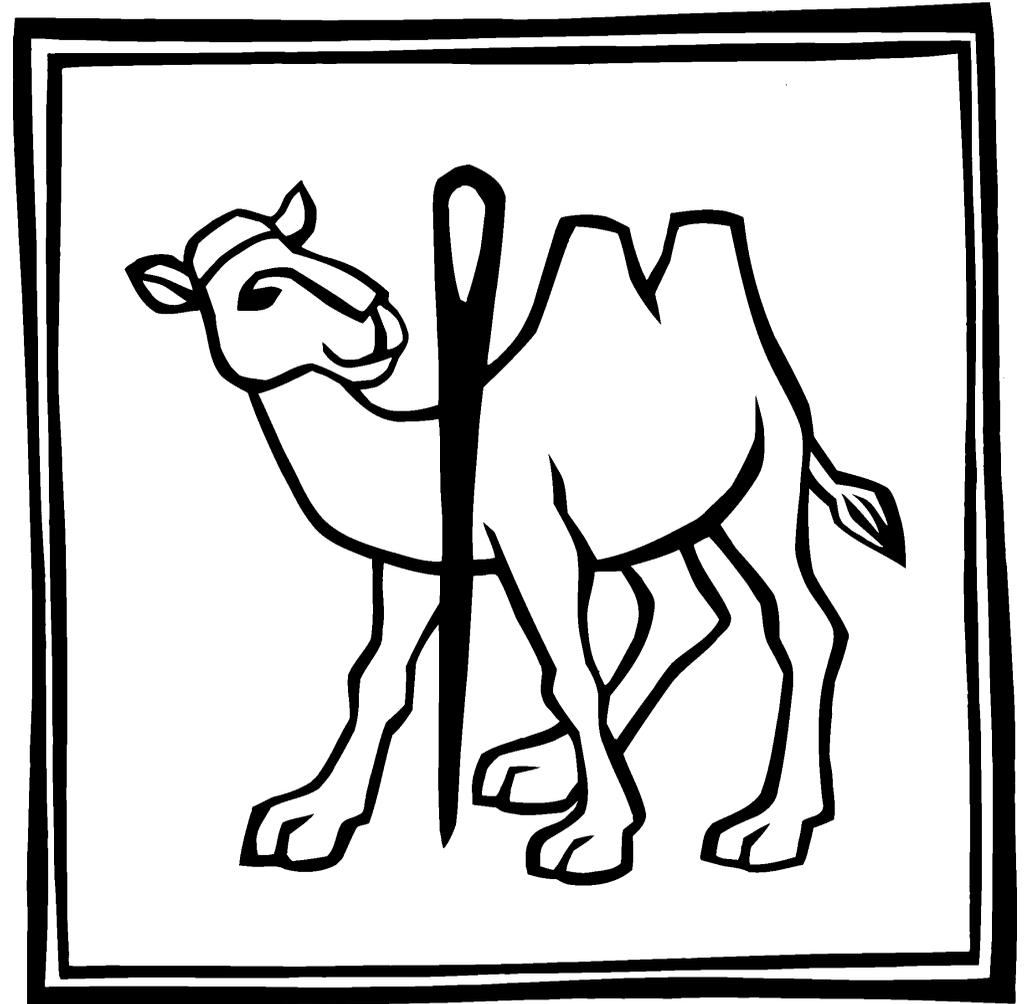
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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 14th, 2018

10:30 AM Service of Communion

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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.

Youth & Family Ministries Opportunity for Healing: The youth & families ministries have undergone significant changes in the last few months. We have tentatively set aside time on Sunday October 21 for a ritual of healing, grace, and reconciliation for all those involved in this ministry. Interested in playing a part? Please contact Pr. Tony or Tara Hogan. Your congregational council leadership is here to listen to you and available to answer questions.

Congregational Retreat, Saturday, November 3, 9:00 – 5:00 pm—You're invited to a congregational retreat here at Luther Place. In keeping with our sabbatical theme of "listening," we will explore the story of the The Walk to Emmaus" (Luke 24) and unpack what it means to listen to Jesus in community. All ages are welcome! Sign-in and breakfast will begin at 9:00 AM and programming with our retreat leader, Margot Eyring, will begin at 10:00 AM. The retreat will conclude with a Eucharist service beginning at 4:00 PM. Lunch is included and childcare for kids age 5 and under will be provided. Please let us know as soon as you can so we can prepare; you may register online (<https://s.surveypal.com/aXMNWNjlf>). To help make sure everyone has what they need to participate in this retreat, we invite you to make a special offering this month of \$30 or whatever amount feels right to you. Please let Jackson Droney, jackson.droney@gmail.com, know if you have any questions.

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.

Interested in the music ministry?

Contact Justin at music@lutherplace.org for more information.

N Street Village SHERO Walk, Saturday, October 20- Join members 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. Contact Gary: gary.e.maring@gmail.com or Dan at dan@drdcorbett.net with any questions.

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 1st 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 for more information. If you need a ride—we will be departing Luther Place at 11am. *Please RSVP to Kristen at 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.

Adult Spiritual Formation Series, Sunday, October 21, 9:15 am—Luther Place, after much discussion and deliberating, became a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) congregation in 2000 boldly stating it was a welcoming community for gay and lesbian Christians. In 2017, twitter statements from the president concerning transgender individuals in the military prompted Luther Place to take action to update the RIC designation to affirm all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. With an unanimous vote, the congregation voted to update the RIC designation. Michael Sonnenberg and Collin Bradley will lead the discussion on where we go from here.

Seeking Volunteers for Deficit Reduction Task Force: Looking for a short-term opportunity to serve our congregation and ensure its financial sustainability? The Deficit Reduction Task Force is tasked with identifying ways to eliminate Luther Place's operating deficit within five years. Think you might have gifts or experience to offer, or want to know more? Please contact Tara Hogan.

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.



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.

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

***Sending Song: Sending: ELW 655 Son of God, Eternal Savior**

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; Ann Hill, Lolly Stuart, Dena Berglund, All elders, all feeling alone, All facing healing from surgery, All coping with mental illness, Sound leadership in turbulent times, and all children separated from their parents.

Congregational Offering

<u>September 2018</u>	<u>YTD as of 9/30/18</u>
Budgeted: \$30,000	Budgeted: \$356,000
Actual: \$35,565	Actual: \$342,855

For emergency requiring pastoral care, we offer several options: Please reach out to Pastor Carpenter by email at 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.

*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 496 One Bread, One Body

*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: TFF 46-Freedom Is Coming

1 (Oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming,
(oh, freedom,) freedom is coming,
(oh, freedom,) freedom is coming, oh, yes, I know.
(Oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming,
(oh, freedom,) freedom is coming,
(oh, freedom,) freedom is coming, oh, yes, I know.

(Oh, yes, I know,) Oh, yes, I know,
(oh, yes, I know,) oh, yes, I know,
(oh, yes, I know.) oh, yes, I know, oh, yes, I know.
(Oh, yes, I know,) Oh, yes, I know,
(oh, yes, I know,) oh, yes, I know,
(oh, yes, I know.) oh, yes, I know, oh, yes, I know.

2 (Oh, Jesus,) Jesus is coming,
(oh, Jesus,) Jesus is coming,
(oh, Jesus,) Jesus is coming, oh, yes, I know.
(Oh, Jesus,) Jesus is coming,
(oh, Jesus,) Jesus is coming,
(oh, Jesus,) Jesus is coming, oh, yes, I know.

(Oh, yes, I know,) Oh, yes, I know,
(oh, yes, I know,) oh, yes, I know,
(oh, yes, I know.) oh, yes, I know, oh, yes, I know.
(Oh, yes, I know,) Oh, yes, I know,
(oh, yes, I know,) oh, yes, I know,
(oh, yes, I know.) oh, yes, I know, oh, yes, I know.

Text: South African

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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: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

*Sanctus

1*

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.

2

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!

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

6Seek the LORD and live,
 or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
 and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

7Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
 and bring righteousness to the ground!

10They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
 and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

11Therefore because you trample on the poor
 and take from them levies of grain,
 you have built houses of hewn stone,
 but you shall not live in them;
 you have planted pleasant vineyards,
 but you shall not drink their wine.

12For I know how many are your transgressions,
 and how great are your sins—
 you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
 and push aside the needy in the gate.

13Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
 for it is an evil time.

14Seek good and not evil,
 that you may live;
 and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
 just as you have said.

15Hate evil and love good,
 and establish justice in the gate;
 it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
 will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM**Psalm 90:12-17****MEAL**

¹²So teach us to number our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?**

Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us**

and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works,

and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;**

prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND READING**Hebrews 4:12-16**

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

***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.

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.

***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.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 10:17-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard

this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Children’s Sermon

Amanda Lindamood

Sermon: *Removing Obstacles*

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 720—We Are Called**

***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:

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

The image shows musical notation for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace." The music is in a common time signature.

***Pastoral Response**

C: Amen

***Exchange of Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Announcements

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

Offering

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