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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 21st, 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.

Congregational Retreat, Sat., 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.surveymonkey.com/r/aXMNWNj1F>). 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, Sun., 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, Sat., 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?

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 for more information.

Our Beloved Community: Reconciled in Christ - 9:15, Today: 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. Dick Rortvedt, Michael Sonnenberg, and Collin Bradley will lead the discussion on where we go from here. Where do we go from here?

Adult Spiritual Formation Series, Sun., Oct. 28, 9:15 am

Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea is the Director of Refugee & Immigration Ministries for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In this capacity, she works with congregations around the country to offer hospitality to immigrants, provide refugee resettlement assistance to refugees, seek justice for farm workers, and engage in advocacy on behalf of refugees and immigrants. Join us for a discussion about immigration.

Play & Pray, Sun., Oct. 28, 9:30 -10:15 am

Families with children ages 5 and under are invited to gather in the Chapel with toys, snacks, and coffee. This month's gathering is hosted by Chelsey Christensen, John Groth, and Weston!

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:

Please stand as able.

P: Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.**

Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love,

willing to speak for what is right,

act for what is just,

and seek the healing of your whole creation.

Amen

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

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.

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.

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: TFF 164 Great Day

Refrain

Great day! Great day, the righ-teous march-ing. Great day!

1 Char-
2 This

God's going to build up Zi-on's walls. God's going to build up Zi-on's walls.

- iot rode on the moun-tain-top, My
is the day of . . . ju - bi - lee, The

God's going to build up Zi-on's walls.

Refrain

God spoke and the char-iot did stop,
Lord has set his . . . peo - ple free,

God's going to build up Zi-on's walls.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: GREAT DAY, African American spiritual

Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

*Gathering Song: ELW 411 Holy, Holy, Holy

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: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,

***Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**

Please Be Seated.

Communion:

P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

C: Amen.

Communion Song: ELW 496 One Bread, One Body

Please Stand As Able .

***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.

although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand as able.

***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!

***Offering Prayer**

A: God of life,
you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

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.

***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 - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 10:35-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will

be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please Be Seated.

Betsy Mountenay

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: *Can You Handle the Truth?*

Rev. Tony Carpenter

Live-tweeting and posting on social media is encouraged!

Please use #FollowingJesus #RealChurch and don’t forget to tag @LutherPlace

Please Stand as Able.

***Hymn of the Day: ELW 579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

*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: ...Gracious God, Hear our song :

C:

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

*Pastoral Response

C: Amen

*Exchange of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please Be Seated.

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



Please Stand as Able.

*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.