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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



Reformation Sunday

October 28th 2018

10:30 AM Service of Communion

Rev. Tony Carpenter, Interim Sabbatical Pastor

Rev. Karen Brau, Senior Pastor

Luther Place Memorial Church

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Our Purpose

God's purpose for our congregation is to grow a Christ-centered inclusive community, led by the Spirit, that proclaims the Gospel's transforming love and grace and challenges injustice.

Our Guiding Principles

1. All of God's creation is sacred.
2. We listen to the Holy Spirit through worship, Scripture, and prayerful reflection.
3. We seek continuous transformation to become radically hospitable.
4. We invite all into the journey with Christ through reconciliation with each other and God.
5. We respond to injustice through loving service and courageous action.
6. We walk together in our celebrations and our struggles.

Our Vision

Luther Place will be a community that looks and feels like God's kingdom in its beautiful expansiveness, where all are called into relationship with Jesus Christ and one another. In this place we will use our gifts to act in the world and build the beloved community.

Worship attracts and gathers a range of people with various services and styles, engaging the community in a depth of traditional practices and creative endeavors.

Spiritual Growth is how we are formed as disciples of Jesus Christ, embracing scripture and all opportunities to engage the divine, and nurturing us to contemplate, study, and question our faith.

Justice is a public witness to our faith; we will continue our history of openness to what arrives, standing in solidarity and acting with people who are struggling in our community, country, and world.

Hospitality is how we—each of us—extend God's kingdom to a dynamic and diverse city, growing our community and engaging all of God's children, from the powerless to the powerful.

Community Care is how we sustain a vibrant community, our intentional practice of supporting and nurturing one another in all stages of life, in celebration and sorrow.

Jesus and Economics - 9:15 am, Sun., Nov. 4, 9:15am—For the people of Israel, the Roman Empire was a terrible place to live. Land was concentrated in the hands of a few. Capital was no longer distributed evenly. The people did not have money to lend to others, because all surpluses were taken by the Romans and the temple system. Extreme poverty was normal. The Roman Empire destroyed the community-based economy that God had provided for the children of Israel. Please join Bianca Vazquez for a participatory conversation about Jesus' public ministry, and Luther Place's current efforts in collaborative economics.

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.

Food & Friends, Tue., Nov. 27, 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 to volunteer.

Youth Service Corp, Sat. Dec. 1, 9:30 am - 2 pm - Middle & High School Youth will meet at Luther Place for faith-filled experiential learning and go serve at So Others Might Eat. Service site transportation will be provided. Youth can earn service hours RSVP at the steinbruckcenter@lutherplace.org

First Sunday Brunch - There will be no First Sunday brunches in October, November or December. Contact Kristen Kane with any questions.

Adult Spiritual Formation Series, Today, 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, Today, Oct. 28, 9:30 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!

Congregational Retreat, Sat., Nov. 3, 9 am – 5 pm

In keeping with our sabbatical theme of "listening," we will explore the story of "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 am and programming with our retreat leader, [Margot Eyring](#), will begin at 10 am. The retreat will conclude with a Eucharist service beginning at 4 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. 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.

All Saints Sunday, Sun. Nov. 4

Each year, we celebrate the lives of those who are no longer living on All Saints Sunday. If you would like the name of a friend or relative that died in the last year included in remembrance on All Saints Sunday, please email the name(s) to Xavier Williamson, operations@lutherplace.org, [by Wednesday, October 31](#) to be included in the bulletin.

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 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Belle Suwanpotipra, piano

arr. Carl Seal
Justin Fitch, organ

*We welcome you to worship today! We welcome as guest preacher the **Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea** (more information on page 9). 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

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 thoganesq@gmail.com.

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.

***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.

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: ELW 860 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

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.

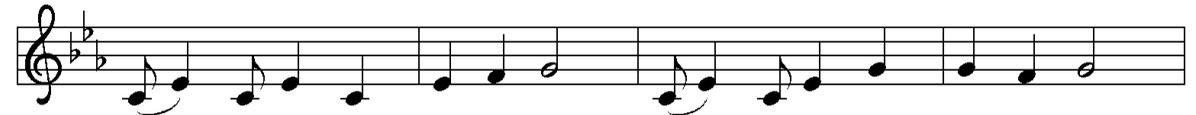
***Gathering Song: ELW 779 Amazing Grace** Jacob Nordman, *Trumpet*

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.
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Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.

Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927
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*Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalms 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

*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.

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 Meditation: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. John Carter

Belle Suwanpotipra and Justin Fitch, piano

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.

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.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
the shields with fire.

**¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand as able.

***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**

^{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!

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**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Micah

Micah 2:1-5; 12-13

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil upon their beds!
When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their
hand. ²They covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away; they
oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance. ³Therefore thus says
the Lord: Behold, against this family I am devising evil, from which you cannot
remove your necks; and you shall not walk haughtily, for it will be an evil time.
⁴In that day they shall take up a taunt song against you, and wail with bitter
lamentation, and say, "We are utterly ruined; he changes the portion of my
people; how he removes it from me! Among our captors he divides our fields."
⁵Therefore you will have none to cast the line by lot in the assembly of
the Lord.

¹²I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob, I will gather the remnant of
Israel; I will set them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture, a
noisy multitude of men. ¹³He who opens the breach will go up before them;
they will break through and pass the gate, going out by it. Their king will pass
on before them, the Lord at their head.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please Be Seated.

Greg Roth

Children's Sermon

Sermon *Breach Beyond Barriers*

Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea

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for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). 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.

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 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Jacob Nordman, *Trumpet*

***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.



***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: 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.