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20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 7th, 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.

<u>Spiritual Growth</u> 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.

<u>Justice</u> 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.

<u>Hospitality</u> 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.

<u>Community Care</u> 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, Saturday, November 3, 9:00 – 2:00 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.surveyplanet.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.

Today!! Parents' Night Out, October 7, 4:30-7:30 pm - Ms. Barbara and a crew of sitters are looking forward to hosting your children as you head out for adult conversations. Please see Becky Ballard for more details.

Adult Spiritual Formation Series, Sunday, October 14, 9:15 am—A Look At Martin Luther: In 2017, we celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and explored who Martin Luther was, the big events and complicated history of the Lutheran church, and what it means for us to be Reformers today. One year later, Christina Davis will provide a brief overview of the Reformation as we continue to explore our role as modern Lutherans.

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 or 515-867-1741 to RSVP or with any questions.

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.

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.

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.

Adult Spiritual Formation Series, 9:15 am - Built in 1873 as a memorial to peace and reconciliation following the Civil War, Luther Place has a deep and long history of community and civic engagement. For nearly 150 years, the congregation has engaged in a number of ministries focused on lifting up the brothers and sisters in our greater community. As the nation prepares for next month's midterm elections, Elizabeth Wirick leads a discussion on civic engagement with regard to the polling place.

Today!! 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 were 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.

TODAY!! 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!!



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 543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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; 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, Families traumatized at the border and children separated from their parents.

Congregational Offering

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

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.

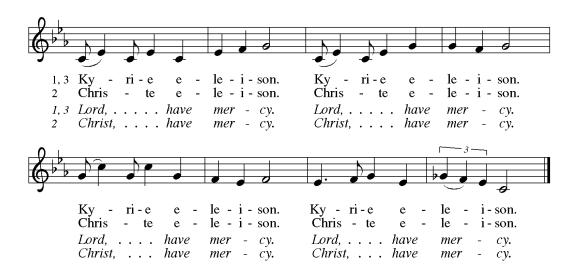
*Gathering Song: ELW 459 Wade in the Water

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:



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*Prayer of the Day

P: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,

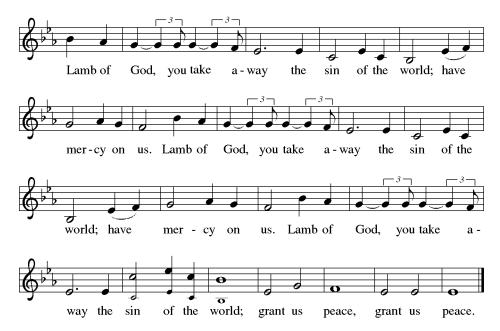
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;



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.

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.

with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

8the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation

perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

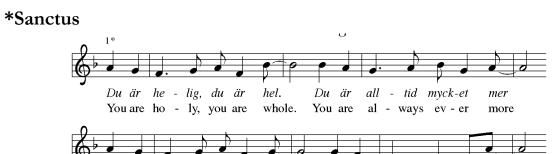
"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

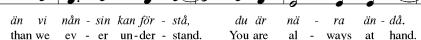
Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

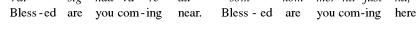
*Gospel Acclamation: TFBF 25 Halle Halle Halle



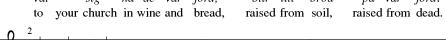












Du är he lig, You are ho - ly,

hel whole - ness, you are







Sing ho - san - na!

Sing ho - san - na to our God!

*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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

Mark 10:2-16 C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Amanda Lindamood

Sermon: The Powerful Gift of Love

Rev. Tony Carpenter

Live-tweeting and posting on social media is encouraged!
Please use #FollowingJesus #RealChurch and don't forget to tag

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*Hymn of the Day: Aleluya Y'in Oluwa (Alleluia, Praise to God)

Led by Ashley Carter

Aleluya Y'in Oluwa

Aleluya Y'in Oluwa

O seun, o seun, o seun baba

Aleluya Y'in Oluwa

1. Alleluia, praise to God.

Alleluia, praise to God.

Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.

Alleluia, praise to God.

2. 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.

3. Beat the drums, sing out to God.

Beat the drums, sing out to God.

Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.

Beat the drums, 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,



*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

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

