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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



## 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 18, 2018

10:30 AM Service of Communion

Rev. Tony Carpenter, Interim Sabbatical Pastor

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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.

## Did Mark have something special to say?

**Today, Nov. 18 & Sun., Nov. 25-** join us in the Library at 9:15am. Almost all of the stories in the Gospel of Mark are repeated or retold in Matthew and Luke. If we focus on the differences between how Mark told the stories and how Matthew and Luke did, we can see that Mark has some special messages to give us and some special questions he wants us to ask. Paul Ramshaw will be leading our discussions on Mark in the Adult Spiritual Formation group. Not at all a prerequisite for participation, but if you have an opportunity to read Mark before the gatherings, it will enrich the conversation.

**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 to volunteer.

**Wise Elders Brunch, Sun., Dec. 2, 12 pm** - Please join us for our quarterly Wise Elders Brunch following the 10:30 service. We welcome this time for inter-generational fellowship and discussions around our personal faith journeys. Many of our wise elders were congregants at Luther Place in 1968 and witnessed the DC riots in response to the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Their visions and actions formed the beginnings of our modern urban ministry. Please RSVP to Xavier Williamson or Susan Boyle.

**Congregational Budget Meeting, Sun. Dec. 9, 12 pm** - The annual budget meeting will be held after the morning service. The 2019 draft budget and supporting documents will be sent to members shortly. Questions, please ask a council member.

**Youth Service Corp, Sat. Dec. 15, 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we pray for those in need of healing; Ann Hill, Vronna Endahl, 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>October 2018</u>	<u>YTD as of 10/31/18</u>
<b>Budgeted: \$33,000</b>	<b>Budgeted: \$389,000</b>
<b>Actual: \$28,912</b>	<b>Actual: \$371,767</b>

### 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.

**Mission of the Moment: Steinbruck Center** - Support the transition of our hostel and its new expanded capacity for hospitality at Luther Place. Donate at the back of the sanctuary, or find the link on our Facebook page and website.

### 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.

**Handbell Choir Practice, TODAY, Nov. 18th** - Immediately after service all who are interested in the Handbell Choir are asked to stay for practice in the sanctuary Please contact Dena Berglund for more information.

## Welcome to worship at Luther Place!

**Are you a guest?** If so, here are some things you might like to know...

**Please fill out a card** to let us know who you are—we'd love to be in touch with you! The cards can be placed in the offering plate when completed. We are blessed by your presence and hope you will join us again.

We'd love to stay connected with you this week. The easiest way to do that is by following us on social media. You're welcome to take out your phones right now and follow us on facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. We also love hearing from you and this is a great way to keep up the conversation.

**Parking** is available **across the street in the Washington Plaza Hotel**. The garage has **two** floors available. Please ask an usher for a parking voucher. Your reimbursement of the cost of \$5 per use will be greatly appreciated. Additionally, we reserve the parking spots in the circle driveway on Vermont Ave. for use by those with mobility issues and their drivers. We encourage the use of public transportation; free bike parking is available inside the Vermont entrance to Luther Place.

**A children's nursery** is available before, during, and after worship. The nursery is located within the chapel by the entrance on N Street. There is a baby changing area in the nursery.

**Children's church bags** are located in the back of the Sanctuary. The activity bags are for kids of all ages; they include crayons, a coloring book, books to read, etc. Please help children use these materials for doodling rather than the gift envelopes and prayer cards.

**Video Recordings of Worship Services** are available on the Luther Place website:

[www.lutherplace.org/sermons](http://www.lutherplace.org/sermons).



**In prayers and songs, the bold print is congregational response.**

**P= pastor; A= assisting minister; C= congregation.**

**Here at Luther Place, we love to sing!** We like to explore a diversity of music, though much of it comes from the **Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (ELW)**. This hymnal holds service music in the first half and hymns in the second half. The service music can be found with the small page numbers at the bottom of each page. The hymns can be found using the large numbers at the top of each page. We also use hymns from This Far by Faith Hymnal (TFF), the Lutheran African American hymnal.

**References to God** in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God. You are also invited to sing hymns or speak parts of the services, such as The Lord's Prayer, in your native tongue.

## GATHERING

*Please Stand As Able .*

**Prelude** Before the Throne of God Above

Arr. Faye Lopez  
Jacob Nordman, trumpet

*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, † one God,  
who calls us into an everlasting hope,  
who guides us to springs of the water of life,  
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

**C: we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.**

**We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.**

**We turn our ears from voices that cry out.**

**We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy, forgive our sin**

**and strengthen us for service to all in need;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,  
and for † his sake,  
God forgives you all your sin.  
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,  
beloved people of God.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*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.**

### **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 822 Cantad al Señor (Oh Sing to the Lord)**

### **Dismissal**

A: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

**\*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: TFF 124 Fill My Cup, Lord**

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and  
quench this thirst-ing of my soul. Bread of heav-en, feed me till I  
want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

**\*Gathering Song: God, Your Blessings Overflow**

*DIX ("For the Beauty of the Earth")*

God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say?  
How can we begin to show, All our gratitude this day?  
God, we join to worship you, Giving thanks for all you do.  
Thank you for the life you give, For each friend and family,

For the land in which we live, For your love that sets us free.  
Thank you, God, for daily bread, And for feasts of joy you spread.  
Yet at tables where we share, Sometimes there is also pain.  
There may be an empty chair: When will we feel whole again?

When our days of grief are long, Thank you that your love is strong.  
So we join in thanks this day, So your gifts we freely share,  
So we follow Christ the Way, Loving, serving everywhere.  
Spirit, may our lives express, All our daily thankfulness.

**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 - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
Chris - te e - lei - son.  
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

**Daniel 12:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM**

**Psalms 16**

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

### **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!

**6My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

7I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**8I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

11You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

11Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” 14For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [15And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

16“*This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:*

*I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,*”

17he also adds,

“*I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.*”

18Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

19Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

<sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand as able.*

**\*Gospel Acclamation: ELW 535 Hallelujah We sing your praises**

*refrain— sung twice each time*

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

*End*

**MEAL**

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: 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.**

**\*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.**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 13:1-8**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Please Be Seated.*

**Sermon:** *When Stones Fall*

**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: We Worship You, Lord**

Led by Ashley Carter

Verse 1:

Tunakuabudu Bwana Tunakuabudu (We Worship You, Lord)

Tunakuabudu Bwana Tunakuabudu

Refrain:

Wastahili wewe Bwana (You are worthy, Lord)

Wastahili wewe Bwana

Wastahili wewe Bwana

Kupokea Utukufu (To receive all the praise)

Verse 2:

Tunakutukuza Bwana Tunakutukuza (We Praise You, Lord)

Tunakutukuza Bwana Tunakutukuza

Verse 3:

Tunakushujudu Bwana Tunakushujudu (We Adore You, Lord)

Tunakushujudu Bwana Tunakushujudu

## **\*Prayers of the People**

A: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Gracious God, you made the church through the working of the Holy Spirit, and you provide the assurance of faith through your Son. Guide us in our proclamation of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You created all things and said your creation was good. Protect land and water from harm, cause all living things to thrive, and raise up stewards for the well-being of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You desire peace for the whole world. Provide refuge for those in harm's way, bring an end to war, and instill in political leaders the love for all that comes from you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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A: You reveal your compassion through caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals. Heal the sick, deliver the suffering, bind up the brokenhearted, provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry. We pray especially for . . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You bless us in our coming and our going, in our waking and our sleeping, and in our daily work. Make our love and good deeds a reflection of the freedom you give us in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: You grant us everlasting life. Through the witness of your saints who now rest in the Lord, inspire us in our lives of faithful service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.*