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HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019

10:30 AM Service of Communion

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.

The Howard Thurman Story, Tues., Feb. 5, 6:30 pm - You're invited to join others from area churches for the Washington, DC premiere of the new one-hour documentary film "Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story," hosted by NY Avenue Presbyterian Church. For more details, including location and registration; please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/back-against-the-wall-the-howard-thurman-story-tickets-54533082919>.

20s/30s Brunch, Sun. Feb. 10th - Join the 20s & 30s for a meal after church on February 10! Following the service, we'll head over to [ArepaZone's](#) 14th St. location for casual fellowship. Email Catherine Hinshaw at catherine.hinshaw16@gmail.com to RSVP by Wednesday, February 6 or with questions.

A group of about 25 DREAMers (young adult immigrants advocating for improved immigration status for themselves and their families) will be staying in the Steinbruck Center hostel Jan. 14-17. They were able to cover a portion of their stay in DC, but we are looking for additional donations to help cover the remainder of their costs and also to help with incidental needs while they are here. To contribute, please use the online donation page <https://lpmc.co/DREAMers>. Mark your gift for the Steinbruck Center, and indicate DREAMers in the Other Comments box. Thank you!

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: 9:15 am, Sun., January 20th: Prophets of Old and Prophets in Contemporary Society. We will continue our series of interactive discussions around prophetic witness in the Old Testament and prophetic voices in our modern day society. During the weekend in which we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. our conversation will focus on his life and teachings. We would love to have you join us in the Library for this discussion.

A Day of Service, Mon., Jan. 21 (Martin Luther King Day), 9 am – 1 pm Join us for a day of Luther Place Hands of Service. The Youth Service Corps will paint a mural in the new Steinbruck Center and there will be a variety of hands-on projects. Lunch is provided. “Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.” - MLK

Luther Place Property Committee Meeting, Tues., Jan. 22, 6 pm - We welcome you to join us as we discuss the upkeep of our building. Please contact Tim Reed (imothy.reed.1979@gmail.com) for more information.

New Member Orientation Session, Sat., Jan. 26, 9 am - Contact Elizabeth Ellis (elizellis@gmail.com) or Ann Hill (annhillj752@gmail.com) to RSVP or with any questions.

Dreaming, Discernment, Leadership - Sat., Feb. 2, Time TBD - Calling all 20 and 30 somethings in the Luther Place Community! Join us for a day of training and reflection on how the Luther Place 20/30s group can grow in programming and better serve our community. Note: When you attend, you will not be auto-volunteered to lead any programs! A detailed agenda will be released soon. Please come as you are able. Your feedback is valuable, please consider completing a short - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HC5GFN>

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 Space is available at the back of the Sanctuary. There are books, & a table for coloring. We invite you to be with your child and to explore the space. We often have children's sermon were we intivte all children forward to participate.

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: *Partita on Beach Spring*

Michael Bedford

- I. Hymn
- II. Siciliana
- III. Bicennium
- IV. Aria

Welcome

We welcome you to worship today! If you are a visitor, please fill out a welcome card at the ends of the pews. During Communion, you will have a chance to light candles at the front to guide your prayer.

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Sending Song: ELW 459 Wade in the Water**

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we pray for those in need of healing; Alberta Williams, Jennifer Lentfer's mother, Nancy White, Ann Hill, Vronna Endahl, Lolly Stuart, 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.

Welcome Lunch, Today at 12 pm - We welcome recent visitors and those interested in joining Luther Place. The New Member team invites you to participate in lunch in the Library for fellowship and learning more about the church community.

Women's March 2019, Sat., Jan. 19 - The Protest and Movement Team is looking for an individual to lead Luther Place's involvement in the Women's March on the National Mall and at the Lincoln Memorial. If interested, please contact, Candace Lilyquist, Einar Olsen or Jay Forth.

Communion Song: ELW 486 Nuestro Padre nos invita



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

***Table Blessing**

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

A: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song ELW 445 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters**

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

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer-cy. Lord, . . have mer-cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer-cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer-cy. Lord, . . have mer-cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie - dad de no - so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie - dad de no - so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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.

Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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.

*Lord's Prayer—Padre Nuestro

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.

C: Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén

*Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

*Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy—Santo, Santo, Santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

***Offering Prayer**

A: Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

MEAL

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you

P: El Señor sea con ustedes.

C: And also with you.

C: Y también contigo.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Levanten los corazones.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

C: Al Señor los elevamos.

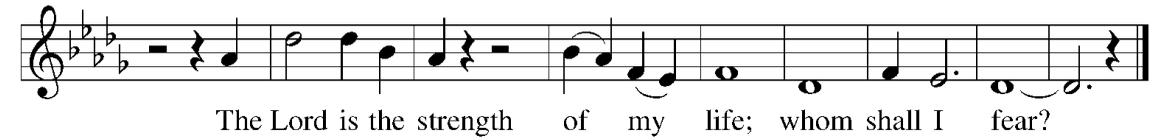
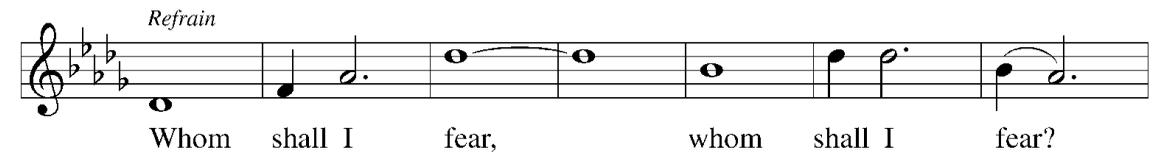
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise. C: Digno y justo es.

P: It is indeed right...

***Gospel Acclamation: Whom Shall I Fear**



***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon: *Wading in the Waters of Baptism*

Pastor Karen Brau

Live-tweeting and posting on social media is encouraged! Please use #FollowingJesus and #Discipleship and don't forget to tag @LutherPlace and @KarenBrau.

***Hymn of the Day: GLOCAL - Yarabba ssalami** Led by Ashley Carter

Yarrabba ssalami

Yarabba ssalami
amter alayana ssalam.
Yarabba ssalami
im la' qulubana ssalam.

Yarabba ssalami
amter alayana ssalam.
Yarabba ssalami
im' nah biladana ssalam.

***Prayers of the People**

A: Gracious God, hear our song

C:

Come in your full - ness. We bring our long - ings.

Life - giv - ing Lord, hear our prayer.

1 Dsus D D9 2 Dsus D

***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 or the giving portal.

Offering Song: ELW 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (verses 1 & 2)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.