

Celebrating 140 years of God's Blessings

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY...

Before we begin, please:

+ **Sign in the "Fellowship Pad"**, and pass it down your pew. Both visitors and members are asked to fill in their information. You can do this before the service, or during the offering.

+ **Place ribbon bookmarks** at the page for liturgy, and one of the hymns in *Lutheran Service Book*.

+ **Place ribbon bookmarks** at the pages of the Scripture readings in the pew Bibles, if you wish to follow along.

+ **Introduce yourself** to our Pastor, if it's your first time with us; and all are encouraged to greet and get to know their fellow worshippers.

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*In Holy Communion, we joyfully receive Christ's Body & Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. In participating, we publicly confess our unity in Christ's Body, and a harmony of teaching and practice. Congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion. **Guests who desire to commune with us for the first time are asked to speak with the pastor before the service, to answer any questions you may have.** You may also wish to review Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers," on pp. 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book, and refer to the "Before worship" and "Before communing" prayers inside the front cover of LSB.*

If you are not in fellowship with our Synod, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate that by folding your arms over your heart while at the communion rail.

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GOD'S WORD TODAY

Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11-20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet revealed (1 John 3:1-3). We are those who wait on the Lord. "*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him*" (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. "*A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me*" (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. "*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*" (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. "*And no one will take your joy from you*" (John 16:22).

INTROIT

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- ' luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- ' luia.

Say to God, "How awesome ' are your deeds!"

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing - ' to you."

Come and see what ' God has done:*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the child- ' ren of man.

Bless our God, O ' peoples;*

let the sound of his ' praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the ' living*

and has not let our ' feet slip.

Glory be to the Father and ' to the Son*

and to the Holy ' Spirit;

as it was in the be - 'ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. ' Amen.

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Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- ' luia.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." Surely one of the "passions of the flesh" we all struggle with is greed: the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed: it wages war against our soul – it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that we are sojourners and exiles: we belong to the Kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - John 16:16–22. "Christians are in groanings and lamentations, etc., but their sorrow will be turned into joy, because I will come again and 'I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you' (John 16:22)." LW 17:200–201 *Quotation from Luther's Works, American Edition (56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955–1986).*

ALTAR FLOWERS.. beautifying the chancel today are placed in honor of Karen Buhler's birthday by Fred Buhler.

4th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

Order of Service

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DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE*

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"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

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"Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying"

SERMON

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" p.463

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μ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** p.164

Thank the Lord

μ **BENEDICTION**

μ **CLOSING HYMN** p.490

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE