

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

Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

Though Jesus had departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus- who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us heaven- has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5-15). “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.” (Is. 12:2)

INTROIT

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- ‘ luia!*
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Alle- ‘ luia.

**His right hand and his ‘ holy arm*
have worked salva- ‘ tion for him.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of ‘ Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation ‘ of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, ‘ all the earth;*
break forth in joyous song and sing ‘ praises!**

**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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for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
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STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.” God is the source of all goodness. When we do good, therefore, we imitate Him and reflect His light to all the world. Christians give freely because God has first given so freely to us: we are only imitating our Father, growing up into His likeness.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - John 16:5–15

“He is Himself a distinct Person who is neither the Father nor the Son. For all the following words indicate a special Person: ‘the Comforter, who will come’; ‘Whatever He hears He will speak.’ If He is to come or, as Christ said earlier, if He is to be sent or to proceed, also to hear and to speak, He must of course, be something. Now He is surely not the Father, since the Father does not come and is not sent. Nor is He the Son, who has already come and now returns to the Father, and of whom the Holy Spirit will preach and whom He will glorify.” LW 24:364

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 the Mothers.

5th Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

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“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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