

*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**

*The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus*

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you as son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal of the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.*

**INTROIT**

With a voice of singing, declare, this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- ' luia.\*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- ' luia.

**Shout for joy to God, ' all the earth!\***

**Sing the glory ' of his name.**I cried to him ' with my mouth,\* and high praise was ' on my tongue.

**But truly God has ' listened;\***

**he has attended to the voice ' of my prayer.**

Blessèd ' be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast ' love from me!

**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.**

With a voice of singing, declare, this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- ' luia.\*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- ' luia.

**STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD**

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended – and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus – and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – John 16:23-30 (31-33)**

“The only thing we still need is a childlike stammering. Hence all depends on our learning to cling to Christ as the One who was sent and given to us by the Father for the attainment of God's grace and salvation. Otherwise all is completely lost.” LW 24:411  
*Quotation from Luther's Works, American Edition (56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955-1886).*

**ALTAR FLOWERS.** beautifying the chancel today are placed in honor of Karen & Heather McLane's Birthday by Doug McLane and for the Wedding Anniversary on May 25<sup>th</sup> of Karen & Barry Bebart by Gloria Haesler, Karen's Mother.

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

May 21, 2017

**Order of Service**

**LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK  
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE**

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*This is the Feast*

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µ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** p.164  
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µ **BENEDICTION**

µ **CLOSING HYMN** p.482  
“This Joyful Eastertide”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**