

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 Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. "*The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God*" (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7-14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22-28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, "*that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen*" (1 Pet. 4:11).

INTROIT

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- ' luia.*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me.

Alle- ' luia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom ' shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ' be afraid?

Teach me your way, ' O LORD;*

give me not up to the will of my adver- ' saries;

for false witnesses have risen a- ' gainst me,*

and they breathe out ' violence.

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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STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." God's grace is His undeserved mercy toward us. And what do we have that is not a gift flowing from God's grace? He means for us to use all these gifts in service toward our neighbor. And chief among the ways we serve one another is to support the Church's work of bringing more of God's grace to more of God's people. And that's what it means to be a steward!

EVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - John 15:26-16:4

"This additional gift will be My Spirit, who will renew in your hearts these words I am now speaking to you and will fully clarify them for you, so that you will understand them ever better and know what both I and the world mean in your lives. He will give you the strength and courage to enable you to continue to adhere to Me and to pursue your course. For if He were not with you and you were to engage in daily combat with both the devil and the world, you would not be able to bear this." LW 24:290

Quotation from Luther's Works, American Edition (56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955-1986).

7th Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

Order of Service

*LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE*

PRELUDE

HYMN p.478

"The Day of Resurrection"

HOLY BAPTISM 11:00AM

Alina Alexandrina Marie Wagner

Christopher Jackson Wagner

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This is the Feast

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OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 36:22-28 p.918

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"This Joyful Eastertide"

SERMON

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" p.458

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You" p.941

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" p.461

μ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** p.164

Thank the Lord

μ **BENEDICTION**

μ **CLOSING HYMN** p.457

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE