

Celebrating 141 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 worshipers.

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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 Gospel Call Goes Out to All

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight” (Prov. 9:5–6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15–24). For “you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13–22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13–18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

INTROIT

In God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.*

What can man | do to me?

I must perform my vows to you, | O God;*

I will render thank offerings | to you.

Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*

though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

though its waters | roar and foam,*

though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*

God will help her when | morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*

he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.'" The things of this world tempt us to cast aside the things of God. The things of this world demand our attention, time, finances, etc. But Jesus invites us to the feast – what could be more important than this gracious invitation? Today's parable invites us to examine our own priorities and attempted excuses...and then to come home to the Lord who invites us in humble repentance.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Luke 14:15–24 (June 25)

“Let us watch out in every way that we do not prefer anything to it or busy ourselves with anything else or rather be taken up by anything else, as did they who said, 'I have bought a field, have me excused' (Luke 14:18). They wanted first to be busy with their own affairs and only at long last seek the things that are Christ's.” LW 11:253

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

**2nd Sunday after
Trinity**

June 25, 2017

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