

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

Beware of False Prophets

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16-29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. "You will recognize them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:20). The "fruits" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12-17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27-38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

INTROIT

We have thought on your steadfast love, ' O God,*
in the midst of your ' temple.

**As your name, O God, so your praise reaches
to the ends ' of the earth.***

Your right hand is filled with ' righteousness.

Great is the LORD and greatly ' to be praised*
in the city of our God, His holy ' mountain.

Within her ' citadels*

God has made himself known as a ' fortress.

Let Mount Zion ' be glad!*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your ' judgments!

This is God, our God forever and ' ever.*

He will guide us for- ' ever.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

"They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" Jeremiah's day sounds a lot like our own: with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the, sometimes difficult, favor of telling us *what is, actually true*. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins, and calls us to repentance and a change in life.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Matt. 7:15–23 "Because a godless man does not hear the truth, he turns to his own tales. The cuckoo swallows the eggs of the hedge sparrow and puts its own in the hedge sparrow's nest; and afterwards its young, when they have grown larger, devour the mother hedge sparrow in the nest. Thus a godless teacher steals away the children of the church and replaces them with his own progeny, who finally destroy the church by which they had been nourished." LW 9:135

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

**8th Sunday after
Trinity**

August 6, 2017

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