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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 Lord Lifts up the Lowly

"The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering" (Gen 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, "God be merciful to me, a sinner!" was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Eph 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor 15:1-10). Therefore, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

INTROIT

God is in his holy habi- ' tation;*
he settles the solitary ' in a home.

**The God of Israel—he ' is the one*
who gives power and strength to his ' people.**

God shall arise, his enemies shall be ' scattered;*
and those who hate him shall flee be- ' fore him!

**But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- ' fore God;*
they shall be jubilant ' with joy!**

O God, when you went out before your ' people,*
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the ' needy.

**Blesséd be the Lord, who daily ' bears us up,*
God is our sal- ' vation.**

**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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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

"The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'" The Pharisees got so much right, and so much wrong. It's a good thing for this Pharisee to be faithful to his wife and faithful in his giving to the Lord's work – but none of it is of any avail if it proceeds from a prideful heart! After all, what do we have to be proud of? If we have followed the Lord's ways, we have only done our duty. Better to be thankful (and amazed!) that the Lord has blessed us by making our giving part of His work!

**11th Sunday after
Trinity**

August 28, 2017

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DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE*

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Thank the Lord

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