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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

Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted

Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king" (Prov 25:6-14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:1-6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:1-11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, "Friend, go up higher," giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

INTROIT

Righteous are you ' O LORD,*

and right are your ' just decrees.

Deal with your servant according to your ' steadfast love,* and teach me your ' statutes.

Blessed are those whose way is ' blameless,* who walk in the law ' of the LORD!

Blessed are those who keep his testi- ' monies,* who seek him with their ' whole heart.

Oh that my ways may be ' steadfast* in keeping your ' statutes!

Then I shall not be ' put to shame,* having my eyes fixed on all your com- ' mandments.

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

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." The Kingdom of God is always upside and backwards like this. We must die in order to live. We must be humbled so we can be exalted. It's like this with giving as well. When we give away, then we receive much more than we bargained for: peace of mind, contentment, joy.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Luke 14:1-11

"God wants everyone to be subject to the other person. Therefore do this willingly and gladly. Then He will exalt you. But if you do not do it willingly, you will be obliged to do it. God will cast you down nevertheless. ... He will nonetheless exalt you [later]." (1 Peter 5:6) LW 30:140

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

17th Sunday after Trinity

October 8, 2017

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"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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