

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

Grace Alone

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1–17). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1–16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. “For they were overthrown in the wilderness” (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24–10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

INTROIT

The cords of Sheol en- ‘ tangled me;*

the snares of death con- ‘ fronted me.

In my distress I called up- ‘ on the LORD.*

From his temple he ‘ heard my voice.

I love you, O ‘ LORD, my strength.*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- ‘ liverer,

For you save a humble ‘ people,*

but the haughty eyes ‘ you bring down.

You have equipped ‘ me with strength,*

and made my way ‘ blameless.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the ‘ nations,*

and sing ‘ to your name.

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

“Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are imperishable.” Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit – for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. We have received the new life in Christ by His grace. Now He calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control and with intention.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALTAR FLOWERS... beautifying the chancel last week were placed by Doug and Karen McLane in honor of the birthdays of Kenneth & Dorothy Waldmann.

Septuagesima

January 28, 2018

Order of Service

**LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE**

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“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

μ **LITURGY** p.151

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μ **HYMN OF PRAISE** p.154
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μ **COLLECT OF THE DAY** insert p.3

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μ **VERSE** p.156

μ **GOSPEL** Matthew 20:1-16 p.1048

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“Salvation unto Us Has Come”

SERMON

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives” p.602

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” p.770

μ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** p.617
O Lord, We Praise Thee

μ **BENEDICTION**

μ **CLOSING HYMN** st. 7-10 p.555
“Salvation Unto Us has Come”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE