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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**

*Faith Alone*

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord's anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

**INTROIT**

Be a rock of ref- 'uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to ' save me!

**For you are my rock and my ' fortress;\*  
and for your name's sake you lead me and ' guide me.**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be ' put to shame;\*  
in your righteousness de- 'liver me!

**Into your hand I commit my ' spirit;\*  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am' in distress;\*  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body ' also.

**Make your face shine on your ' servant;\*  
save me in your ' steadfast love!**

**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.**

Be a rock of ref- 'uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to ' save me!

**For you are my rock and my ' fortress;\*  
and for your name's sake you lead me and ' guide me.**

**TRACK**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, ' all the earth!\*  
Serve the Lord with Gladness!  
Come into his presence with ' singing!

**Know that the Lord, ' he is God!\*  
It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and  
the sheep of his ' pature.**

**STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD**

As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.” Who is not a beggar? All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this can leave us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts. And this thankful acknowledgment of all the Lord's gifts is also what forms the basis of our generous giving.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

**Quinquagesima**

February 11, 2018

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μ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** p.617  
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