

Celebrating 142 years of God's Blessings

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY... Before we begin, please:

- T 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.
- T Place ribbon bookmarks** at the page for liturgy, and one of the hymns in *Lutheran Service Book*.
- T Place ribbon bookmarks** at the pages of the Scripture readings in the **pew Bibles**, if you wish to follow along.
- T 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

Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11-20). Through we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1-3). We are those who wait on the Lord. *"The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him"* (Lam. 3:25) Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. *"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me"* (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength"* (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. *"And no one will take your joy from you"* (John 16:22)

INTROIT

Ps. 66:3, 8-9; antiphon: Ps:1-2

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*
 Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.
Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!"
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you."
 Come and see what | God has done:.*
 he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.
Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
 who has kept our soul among the | living*
 and has not let our | feet slip.
Glorify 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.
 Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*
 Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Ps. 111:9a; Luke 24:26

Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. **Alleluia.** Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter in His glory? **Alleluia.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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

"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." There is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more.

Jubilate: The Sunday of Christian Joy

April 22, 2018
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