

Celebrating 142 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 worshipers.

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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

Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

Through Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus – who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven – has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Trust (John 16:5-15). “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights*” through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of trust, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, “*Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid*” (Is. 12:2).

ALTAR FLOWERS decorating the altar are placed by the Heinz Family in honor of Leslee Johnson’s as she receives the 2018 LEA Lutheran Distinguished Lutheran Early Childhood Teacher.

INTROIT

Ps. 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: Ps. 98:1a, 2b

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,*
for he has revealed his righteousness
in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.

**His right hand and his | holy arm*
have worked salva- | tion for him.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth,*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**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.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,*
for he has revealed his righteousness
in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Ps. 118:16; Rom. 6:9

Alleluia. The right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly! **Alleluia.** We know that Christ begin raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **Alleluia.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.” God is the source of all goodness. When we do good, therefore, we imitate Him and reflect His light to all the world. Christians give freely because God has first given so freely to us: we are only imitating our Father, growing up into His likeness.

Cantate:

The Sunday of the New Song

April 29, 2018

Order of Service

Divine Service, Setting Three

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The LEA’s 2018 Distinguished Lutheran Early Childhood Teacher award

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“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

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† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

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μ **BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION**

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“O Lord, We Praise Thee”