

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

The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray is Jesus’ name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (num. 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

ALTAR FLOWERS.. beautifying the chancel today are placed in honor of St. John’s Confirmation Class.

INTROIT

Ps. 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Is. 48:20b

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

**Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory | of his name.**

I cried to him | with my mouth,*
and high praise was | on my tongue.

**But truly God has | listened;*
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.**

Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast | love from me!

**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.**

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

ALLELUIA VERSE

John 16:28

Alleluia. Christ, who has redeemed us with his blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. **Alleluia.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.” To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God fair and square, not only because He created us, but now doubly so in that we are ransomed. We belong to God: that’s the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.

Rogate:

The Sunday of Christian Prayer

May 6, 2018

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