

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 Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. *“The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God”* (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus; suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Peter 4:7-14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek 36:22-28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, *“that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen”* (1 Peter 4:11)

ALTAR FLOWERS beautifying the chancel today are placed by Fred Buhler in honor of Karen's birthday and by Carol Reid in memory of her mother Helen Georgevitch.

INTROIT

Ps. 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I | be afraid?**

Teach me your way, | O LORD;*

give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;

for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,*

and they breathe out | violence.

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.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Ps. 47:8; John 14:18a, 28, 16:22b

Alleluia. God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne,

Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will

come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **Alleluia.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.” The grace, the gifts, the blessings: they are all from God. We are to use them as stewards, not as owners. That means we should seek to use them in the way the Owner wants them used. So we listen to His Word, pray for His Wisdom, and receive His grace.

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The Sunday after the Ascension

May 13, 2018

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“Since Our Great High Priest,
Christ Jesus”