

Celebrating 142 years of God's Blessings

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.

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.

GOD'S WORD TODAY

Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

"You cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24-34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God-that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8-16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Gal. 5:25-6:10).

INTROIT

Ps. 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: Ps. 86:1a, 2b, 3

Incline Your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*
save Your servant, who trusts in You—You | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*
for to You do I cry | all the day.
Gladden the soul of Your | servant,\*
for to You, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.
Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;\*
listen to my | plea for grace.
But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;\*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;
give Your strength to Your | servant,\*
and save the son of Your maid- | servant.
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.
Incline Your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*
save Your servant, who trusts in You—You | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*
for to You do I cry | all the day.

GRADUAL

Ps. 118:8-9

It is better to take refuge | in the LORD,\*
than to | trust in man.
It is better to take refuge | in the LORD,\*
Than to trust in | princes.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, You Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

Matthew 6:24 – "... You cannot serve God and money." In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the first and last word about our stewardship – well, you have to go back a few verses to verse 21 to get the whole thing: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Read Matthew 5:19-34 again this week at home and consider your generosity to the Lord's work in light of what Jesus says.

The Sunday of the Birds and the Lilies

September 9, 2018
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"Children of the Heavenly Father"