

*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**

*In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God*

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34-46). The Law requires you to “*fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul*” and to “*love the sojourner*” (Deut. 10:12-21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1-9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnated who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see that “*God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord*” (1 Cor. 1:9).

**INTROIT**

*Ps. 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who ‘ wait for you,\*  
and let your prophets be proven ‘ faithful.

**Hear the prayer of your ‘ servants,\*  
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your ‘ people.**

I was glad when they ‘ said to me,\*  
“Let us go to the house ‘ of the LORD!”

**Pray for the peace of Je- ‘ rusalem!\*  
May they be secure who ‘ love you!**

For my brothers and com- ‘ panions' sake\*  
I will say, “Peace be with- ‘ in you!”

**For the sake of the house of the ‘ LORD our God,\*  
I will seek ‘ your good.**

**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.**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who ‘ wait for you,\*  
and let your prophets be proven ‘ faithful.

**Hear the prayer of your ‘ servants,\*  
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your ‘ people.**

**GRADUAL**

*Ps. 122:1,7*

I was glad when they | said to me,\*  
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord!

**Peace by with- | in your walls\*  
and security within your | towers!**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who live sand reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD**

**Luke 14:5 – “And he said to them, ‘Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?’ ”** The time is always right to do right. God is always calling us to faithfulness and love, which is the fulfillment of the Law. The Pharisees wanted an easier law, something less than love, which was easier to keep. Why? Because they thought they had to in order to be saved. But since we know that Jesus saves by His sacrifice, we are free to see the real Law of love and to strive to fulfill it not out of fear, but out of thanksgiving.

**The Sunday of the Great  
Commandment**

September 30, 2018  
**Order of Service**  
*Divine Service, Setting One*

OPENING HYMN: #504

**“Father Most Holy,  
Merciful and Tender”**

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**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

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✠ HYMN OF PRAISE: Gloria in Excelsis

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OLD TESTAMENT: **Deut. 10:12-21** p.197

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EPISTLE: **1 Cor.1: (1-3) 4-9** p.1210

✠ ALLELUIA VERSE

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: **Matt 22:34-46** p.1052

HYMN OF THE DAY: #694

**“Thee Will I Love, My Strength,  
My Tower”**

SERMON

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

**“Christ Sits at God's Right Hand” #564**

**“In God, My Faithful God” #745**

**“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” #632**

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✠ COLLECT & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: #919

**“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”**