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& Rainbow Preschool
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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

Hymn of Invocation: 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 119:1; antiphon: vv. 137, 124a



Righteous art Thou, O LORD and upright are Thy | judgments.*

Deal with Thy servant according to Thy | mercy.

Blessed are the undefiled | in the way,*

who walk in the law | of the LORD!



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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Kyrie - Collect of the Day *p. 186ff*

P Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to avoid the infections of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Romans 9:30—10:4

Brethren: What shall we say? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, and whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 12:37—43

At that time: Although Jesus had done so many signs before the people, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has

believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.” These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Day: 644 The Church's One Foundation

Sermon

Hymn: 728 How Firm a Foundation

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **℟** Lord, in Your mercy; **℣** hear our prayer.

Preface - Agnus Dei *p. 194ff*

Distribution Voluntary: 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Looking Forward to Sunday (Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Lessons: Deuteronomy 10:12-21; I Corinthians 1:4-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Hymns: 694-708-402-745/581/621/617/803-582

Looking Forward to Next Wednesday

Lessons: II Corinthians 6:11-16a; Matthew 13:24-30, 36b-43

Hymns: 515-516-791-514

We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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