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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 worshippers.

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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

Faith Comes from Hearing

A man was brought to Jesus who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "Ephphatha" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book" (Is 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

INTROIT

Make haste, O God, to de- ' liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to' help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- ' fusion* who ' seek my life!

Let them be ' turned back*

and brought to dishonor who de- ' sire my hurt!

May all who seek ' you rejoice* and be ' glad in you!

You are my help and my de- ' liverer;*

O LORD, do ' not delay!

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.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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

"Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God." We are not sufficient, not enough, not capable in and of ourselves. But God gives us what is enough, what is sufficient, and makes us capable. That is the beginning of wisdom: we are utterly dependent on God's mercy. Our whole Christian life flows forth from this dependence: for if we are dependent upon the Lord, how can we not follow His Commandments and walk in His way?

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Mark 7:31-37 (Sept. 3)

"The bond of the tongue remains — the bond with which the devil has stopped the mouth, so that although it is terrified, it nevertheless does not seek a remedy. For the devil does not allow the sinner to say from his heart: 'I have sinned against Thee, Lord God; pardon me; I repent of my sin.'" LW 7:277

Quotation from Luther's Works, American Edition

(56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955-1986).

12th Sunday after Trinity

September 3, 2017

Order of Service

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Thank the Lord

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"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

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