

Celebrating 140 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 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

Scripture Alone

The Sower sows the seed of His Word (Luke 8:4–15). This Word is living and powerful (Heb. 4:9–13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns as placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him, the weak are strong (2 Cor. 11:19–12:9). He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is.55:10–13) but yields a harvest hundredfold

INTROIT

Awake! Why are you sleeping, ' O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- 'ever!

For our soul is bowed down ' to the dust.*

Rise up; come ' to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have ' told us,* what deeds you performed in their days, in the ' days of old:

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you ' planted;*

you afflicted the peoples, but them you ' set free.

But you have saved us ' from our foes*

and have put to shame those who ' hate us.

In God we have boasted con- ' tinually,*

and we will give thanks to your name for- ' ever.

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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TRACT

O God, You have ' cast us off;*

You have bro- ' ken us down;

You have ' been displeased;*

oh, restore ' us again!

You have made the earth tremble;

You have ' broken it;*

heal its breaches, for it is ' shaking.

That Your beloved may be de- ' livered,*

save with Your right hand, and ' hear me.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

"The seed is the word of God." The plant begins as a seed – and everything in the Church begins with the Word. "In the beginning the Word was with God..." "He saved us by the regeneration of water and the Word..." "The Word of the Lord stands forever." We never outgrow our need to hear the Word of God. We never achieve such greatness that we don't need the blessings of God's Word. Rather the Christian life is one of always striving to conform our lives to God's Word – to live out the truth of our Baptisms, that we are God's children by the power of his Word.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever.

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February 4, 2018

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