

*Celebrating 141 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**

*Jesus Does Battle in Our Place*

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14–16).

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: Psalm 91:15-16*

When he calls to me, I will ' answer him;\*

I will rescue him and ' honor him,

**With long life I will sat- ' isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- ' vation.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the ' Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- mighty.

**I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my ' fortress,\*  
my God, in ' whom I trust."**

Because you have made the LORD your ' dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my ' refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to be- ' fall you,\*  
no plague come ' near your tent.**

You will tread on the lion and the ' adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample ' underfoot.

When he calls to me, I will ' answer him;\*

I will rescue him and ' honor him,

**With long life I will sat- ' isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- ' vation.**

**TRACT**

*Psalm 91:11–12*

For He shall give His angels charge ' over you,\*  
to keep you in ' all your ways.

**In their hands they shall ' bear you up,\*  
lest you dash your foot a- ' gainst a stone.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savoir we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**ALTAR FLOWERS** decorating the altar are placed by St. John's Dorcas Society in honor of their 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD**

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written. . ." Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

**INVOCABIT**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**February 18, 2018**

**Order of Service**

*Lutheran Service Book*

*Divine Service, Setting Three*

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μ **TRACT**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** p.428

"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

**SERMON**

μ **OFFERTORY**

**OFFERING**

μ **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** p.193

μ **COMMUNION LITURGY**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

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μ **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** p.199

*Nunc Dimittis*

μ **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** p.454

"Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**