

Celebrating 141 years of God's Blessings

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY... Before we begin, please:

- T 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.
T Place ribbon bookmarks at the page for liturgy, and one of the hymns in Lutheran Service Book.
T Place ribbon bookmarks at the pages of the Scripture readings in the pew Bibles, if you wish to follow along.
T 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.

GOD'S WORD TODAY

Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1-15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak(Luke 11:14-28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16-24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1-9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

ALTAR FLOWERS.. decorating the altar are placed by the Mackie Family in honor of birthdays and anniversaries for the whole family.

INTROIT

Psalm 25:15-16; Psalm 25:1-2, 17-18, 20

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me, *
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame; *
let not my enemies exult | over me.
The troubles of my heart | are enlarged; *
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble, *
and forgive | all my sins ..

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me! *
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

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.

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me, *
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

TRACT

Ps. 123:1-3b

To you I lift | up my eyes, *
O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!
Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master, *
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he has mercy up- | on us.
Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,*
have mercy up- | on us.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." Our sanctification flows from the justification which we have received in Christ. His love for us transforms us into His image. This is why the Bible talks so much about giving – because we are to imitate God in His generosity.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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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Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

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"May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

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