

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 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

The Lord Feeds His People

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2-21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1-15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:21-31). Five loaves becomes twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41-47). So it is that God's people "*shall not hunger or thirst*" (Is. 49:8-13). For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.

INTROIT

Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Is. 66:10a,11a

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be ' glad for her,*
all you who ' love her;
**that you may nurse and be ' satisfied*
from her con- ' soling breast.**

I was glad when they ' said to me,*
"Let us go to the house ' of the LORD!"

**Our feet have been ' standing*
within your gates, O Je- ' rusalem!***

Pray for the peace of Je- ' rusalem!*
May they be secure who ' love you!

**For my brothers and com- ' panions' sake*
I will say, "Peace be with- ' in you!"**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

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all you who ' love her;
**that you may nurse and be ' satisfied*
from her con- ' soling breast.**

TRACT

Ps. 125:1-2b, 5b

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount ' Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but abides for- ' ever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his ' people, *
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon ' Israel!**

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and through we deserve only punishment, you receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 the Elaine Fink in honor of her parents birthday.

LAETARE

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

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