

*Celebrating 142 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**

*Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted*

*“Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence” (Prov. 25:6-14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1-6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:1-11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbles Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, “Friend, moved up higher,” giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.*

**INTROIT**

*Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124*

Righteous are you, | O Lord,\*  
and right are your | just decrees.  
**Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,\*  
and teach me your | statutes.**  
Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,\*  
who walk in the law | of the Lord!  
**Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,\*  
who seek him with their | whole heart.**  
Oh that my ways may be | steadfast\*  
in keeping your | statutes!  
**Then I shall not be | put to shame,\*  
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.**  
**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.**  
Righteous are you, | O Lord,\*  
and right are your | just decrees.  
**Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,\*  
and teach me your | statutes.**

**GRADUAL**

*Ps. 33:12, 6*

Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the Lord,\*  
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!  
**By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens were made,\*  
and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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**

**Luke 14:5 – “And he said to them, ‘Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?’ ”** The time is always right to do right. God is always calling us to faithfulness and love, which is the fulfillment of the Law. The Pharisees wanted an easier law, something less than love, which was easier to keep. Why? Because they thought they had to in order to be saved. But since we know that Jesus saves by His sacrifice, we are free to see the real Law of love and to strive to fulfill it not out of fear, but out of thanksgiving.

**The Sunday of the  
Pharisees’ Dinner**

September 23, 2018  
**Order of Service**  
*Divine Service, Setting One*

OPENING HYMN: #768  
“**To God the Holy Spirit, Let Us Pray**”  
✠ CONFESION & ABSOLUTION p.151

**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

✠ INTROIT *Bulletin*  
✠ KYRIE p.152  
✠ HYMN OF PRAISE: Gloria in Excelsis  
✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY *Bulletin*  
OLD TESTAMENT: **Proverbs 25:6-14** p.694  
GRADUAL *Bulletin*  
EPISTLE: **Ephesians 4:1-6** p.1243  
✠ ALLELUIA VERSE  
✠ HOLY GOSPEL: **Luke 14:1-11** p.1110  
HYMN OF THE DAY: #557  
“**Seek Where You May**”

SERMON  
✠ NICENE CREED p.158  
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✠ OFFERTORY p.159

**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

✠ LITURGY p.160  
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:  
“**Soul Adorn Yourself With Gladness**” #636  
“**Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**” #623  
“**What Is This Bread**” #629  
✠ CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord” p.164  
✠ COLLECT & BENEDICTION  
CLOSING HYMN: #850  
“**God of Grace and God of Glory**”