

Celebrating 143 years of God's Blessings

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.

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' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing
The Lord does not require us to ascent to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10-17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (Matt. 9:1-8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation" (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22-28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" (Gen. 28:17)

INTROIT

Ps. 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Ps. 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a

Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*
When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.
[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*
this is God, our God forever and | ever.
Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;*
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a | parable;*
I will utter dark sayings | from of old,
things that we have | heard and known,*
that our fathers have | told us.
We will tell the coming generation the glorious
deeds of the LORD, | and his might,*
and the wonders that | he has done.
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.
Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*
When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.
[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*
this is God, our God forever and | ever.

GRADUAL

Ps. 141:1-2

O LORD, I call upon you; hasten | to me!*
Give ear to my voice when | I call to you!
Let my prayer be counted as incense be- | fore you*
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening | sacrifice!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one Go, now and forever.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD

Ephesians 4:24 – "Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." The battle between the old self in Adam and the new self in Christ is fought in the heart and mind of every Christian. Paul encourages us to put on the new man that is created in the image of God. Our sanctification, our growth in godliness, is a growth into God's image. We do this by keeping our eyes on Christ and imitating Him in everything: in love, in kindness, in self-giving generosity.

The Sunday of the Paralytic

October 7, 2018
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