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*Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

✠ SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC ✠

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## **JESUS' INCARNATION SECURES FOR US LIFE, FORGIVENESS, AND HEALING**

*The Lord does not require us to ascend 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)*

## **COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR**

**GUESTS WISHING TO JOIN OUR CONFESSION AND RECEIVE THIS HOLY SACRAMENT  
ARE ASKED TO MEET WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

*The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today and every Lord's Day! At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this sacred meal life and salvation are given to us.*

*All members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune.*

*Every pastor and congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has publicly promised to practice closed communion, where all who come to the Altar bear witness to their oneness in the apostolic doctrine and faith (Acts 2:42). All this is done for the benefit and blessing of the Lord's people. Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we ask that guests speak with the Pastor first.*

*When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Cor 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.*

*As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.*

*Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew.*

*Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.*

*To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Body and Blood you may read "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.*



# ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

## HYMN OF INVOCATION ~ O Bless The Lord, My Soul

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△ Please stand and face the cross as it enters.

## ✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

### INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### INTROIT

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



**P** Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"\*

When the righteous cry for help, the | Lord hears.

**C** [The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;\*  
this is God, our God forever and | ever.

**P** Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;\*  
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!

**C** I will open my mouth in a | parable;\*  
I will utter dark sayings | from of old,

**P** things that we have | heard and known,\*

that our fathers have | told us.

**C** We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, | and His might,\*  
and the wonders that | He has done.

**C** *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.

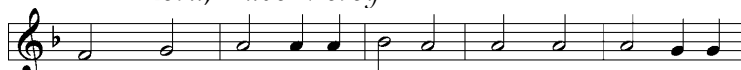
*\*You may bow your head at this point  
in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity*

**P** Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"\*  
When the righteous cry for help, the | Lord hears.

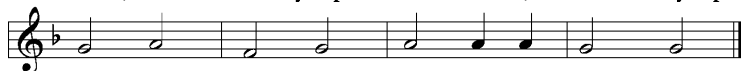
**C** [The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;\*  
this is God, our God forever and | ever.

### KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



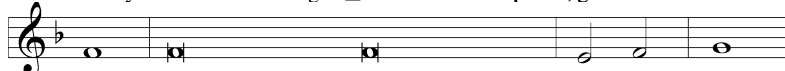
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

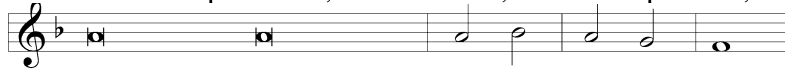
*Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29*



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



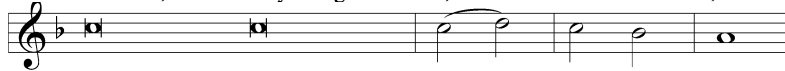
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

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 God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

Sit

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 28:10-17*

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup>And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup>Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup>Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

*Ps. 141:1-2*

**A** O Lord, I call upon You; hasten | to me!\*

Give ear to my voice when I | call to You!

**C** Let my prayer be counted as incense be- | fore You,\*  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening | sacrifice!

**EPISTLE READING**

*Ephesians 4:22-28*

<sup>22</sup> Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA**



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** Sing to the LORD a | new song,  
for He has done | marv'lous things!



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 9:1-8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. <sup>2</sup>And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." <sup>3</sup>And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." <sup>4</sup>But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup>For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? <sup>6</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – he then said to the paralytic – "Rise, pick up your bed and go home." <sup>7</sup>And he rose and went home. <sup>8</sup>When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**NICENE CREED**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.

*\*You may genuflect  
 in reverence of the incarnation*

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ~ *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

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**SERMON**

Stand

**OFFERTORY**

*Psalms 51:10-12*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

## OFFERING

Please consider donating on-line: to *Grace* or to *Trinity*.

Or, if you prefer, please mail your offering for the strength of the Church.

The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God.

The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church. **Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



**R** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1



**R** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalm 136

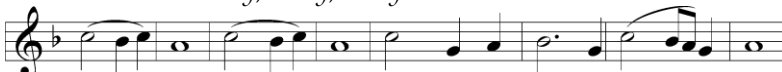


**R** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



**R** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,





bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but ✠ deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the ✠ Lord be with you always.



**A** - men.

### AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

*John 1:29*



**O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin. Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

### *Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion*

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

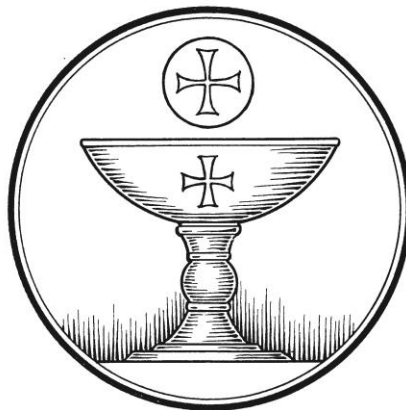
### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~

<i>Only Begotten, Word Of God Eternal</i>	916
<i>Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus</i>	685
<i>Chief Of Sinners Though I Be</i>	611
<i>Jesus Sinners Doth Receive</i>	609

### *Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion*

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.



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## NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

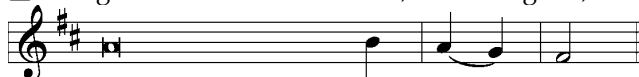


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

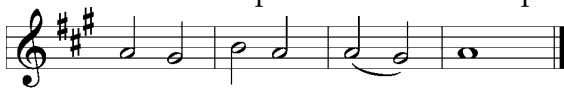
## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

△ Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.

CLOSING HYMN ~ *Jesus Has Come And Brings Pleasure Eternal*

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