

✠ EASTER SUNDAY ✠

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About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

Resurrection of Our Lord

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Easter

What Difference Does It Make?

Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus claimed he would rise from the dead. “The Son of Man must suffer many things . . . be killed and after three days rise again” (Mark 8:31). So if Jesus remains dead, he is both a failure and a fraud. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin. But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And that makes all the difference in the world! Jesus lives! The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

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He Lives to Take Me from Death to Life

So many will miss the point of this Easter Sunday. They will not understand the impact Christ’s resurrection has on this world of sin and death. They might ask, “What difference does it make?” Our answer: “It makes all the difference in the world for those who believe!”

A dead Jesus would do no one any good. But a resurrected Jesus? That changes everything; that makes Easter the most important event that has ever happened. Today God wants us to know with certainty that Jesus lives, and therefore, so will those who believe in him.

God told his Church what was going to happen. Jesus told his disciples what would transpire in Jerusalem. The disciples were slow to believe the Easter truth, but God ensured that his people had witnesses to proclaim that Jesus lives again. And that message of forgiveness of sins through the work of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus has been passed down to us.

Therefore, we rejoice, because Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! He has removed the fear of eternal death. He has transformed physical death. He has made believers spiritually alive by giving us faith in his resurrection. In every possible way, Jesus takes us from death to life!

The Service

Setting Four

Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.

A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.

The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.

There will be no pre-service announcements.

Our worship begins with the tolling of the bells, followed by the opening hymn.

The Preparation

Tolling of the Bells

Opening Hymn

438 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!

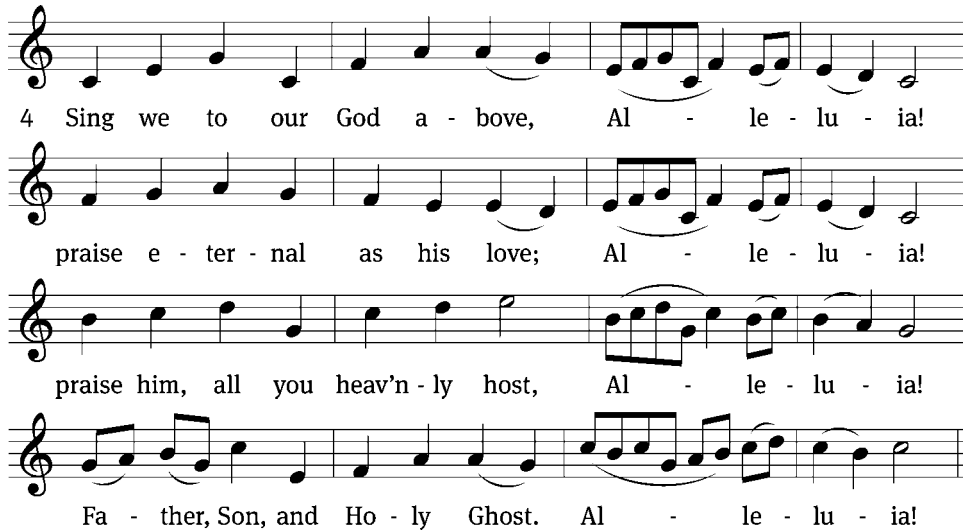


who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand for the last stanza and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought to the chancel



4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

(1 John 1:8-9; Luke 18:13)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Silence for meditation and reflection

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Easter Dialogue

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies." *(John 11:25)*

"And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish." *(John 11:26)*

"I know that my Redeemer lives,

and that in the end he will stand on the earth." *(Job 19:25 NIV)*

"I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another." *(Job 19:27 NIV)*

"This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it." *(Psalm 118:24)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Song of Praise

938 "This Is the Feast" (stanzas 1, 2, and 3)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 † Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Word

Salutation

(Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

(Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Choir

470 *"Like the Golden Sun Ascending"* (stanzas 1 and 2)

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| 1 Like the golden sun ascending,
breaking through the gloom of night,
on the earth its glory spending
so that darkness takes to flight,
thus my Jesus from the grave
and death's dismal, dreadful cave
rose triumphant Easter morning
at the early purple dawning. | 2 Thanks to you, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to you, O Lord of life!
Death has now no power o'er us,
you have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because you did arise
and have opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
of the resurrection story. |
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First Reading

Jonah 2:1-9

Jesus compared himself to the Old Testament prophet Jonah, who escaped certain death after three days in the belly of a fish. This is Jonah's prayer from the belly of the fish, before the LORD God rescued him.

2 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish. ² He said the following:

In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried out,
and you heard my voice.

³ You threw me into the depths,
into the heart of the seas.

The currents swept around me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

⁴ I said, "I have been driven away from your sight.
Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple."

⁵ Waters engulfed me so that I was near death.

The deep surrounded me.

Seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down.

The earth locked me behind its bars forever.

But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.

⁷ When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.

My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

⁸ Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.

⁹ But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118 B "Irish Alleluia"

The Church sings Psalm 30 in services that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Since it was the last psalm in the Passover liturgy at the time of Jesus, it might have been sung when Jesus instituted Holy Communion.

The Congregation will sing the refrains and the "Glory be to the Father..."

The Cantor will sing the verses

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone

Congregation: (Refrain)

Cantor: The LORD is my strength and / my defense;
he has become my sal- / vation.
The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!
I will not / die but live,
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done.

Congregation: (Refrain)

Cantor: I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;
you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected
has become the / cornerstone;
the LORD has / done this,
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

**Congregation: 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.**

Congregation: (Refrain)

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

For God to take us from death to life, Jesus needed to be resurrected. Anything else would mean our faith was in vain. But Christ is indeed risen from the dead! Therefore, we are saved.

15 Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. ²You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁴ that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

⁶After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). ¹¹So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 1:18

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

The Congregation will sing the refrains

The Cantor will sing the verse



Refrain



⁸ They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

440 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of -
2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple
4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and



fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he
sin had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on
to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the
death con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with



stands and brings us life from heav - en.
earth, and there - fore death had brought us
crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er.
life, the reign of death was end - ed.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to
 in - to bond - age from of old and ev - er
 Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; an emp - ty
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith that death is



God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of
 grew more strong and bold and held us
 form a - lone re - mains; its sting is
 swal - lowed up by death; dis - graced, it



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
 whom God so freely gave us;
 he died on the accursed tree—
 so strong his love—to save us.
 See, his blood now marks our door;
 faith points to it; death passes o'er,
 and Satan cannot harm us.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
 on Christ, the bread of heaven;
 the Word of grace has purged away
 the old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone our souls will feed;
 he is our meat and drink indeed;
 faith lives upon no other!
 Alleluia, alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
 to which the Lord invites us;
 Christ is himself the joy of all,
 the sun that warms and lights us.
 Now his grace to us imparts
 eternal sunshine to our hearts;
 the night of sin is ended.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sermon

Matthew 28:1-10

“There You Will See Him”

Nicene Creed *Credo*

(Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

Please stand

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering Collection

(Proverbs 3:9-10; Matthew 6:19-34; Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7-11; Galatians 6:6-10)

Offerings

God, who blesses us with all we gave, gives us the privilege of thanking him in many ways. One way is by offering a portion of our income to financially support the ministry of our congregation and synod.

If you are a guest, please do not feel like you must give an offering.

We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' gracious love for you!

If you would like to give an offering, you can place it in the collection plate when it is passed to you.

If you wish to give your offering via [PayPal](#), you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin.

Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!

Friendship Registers

You are invited to write your name in the Friendship Register - the maroon book at the end of each pew. Please write down your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.

Prayer of the Church

Easter II

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will—false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan’s lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel’s free course.

Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, “He is risen!” As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.

Heavenly Father, keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

Please stand

The Sacrament

Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices"

Prefaces

(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

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.

Words of Institution *Verba*

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of several phrases, each with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." This phrase is repeated twice. The final phrase is "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace." The score concludes with the word "A - men." repeated twice. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.
A - men. A - men.

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Please be seated

Our Holy Communion Practices

(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)

Visitors

Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:

The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.

We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.

If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.

Communicants

"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.

The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.

Children and Non-Communicants

Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.

Distribution of Holy Communion

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)

As he distributes the elements, the pastor says to the communicants:

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

Amen.

As he dismisses the communicants, the pastor says:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go T in peace.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn

455 "Alleluia! Jesus Lives"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; praise him, ran-somed ones of earth.
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and fre-quent sigh?
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours e - ter - nal - ly;



from the gloom-y house of death forth the con-quer - or has gone,
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
He who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you too shall be;



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
Praise the Vic - tor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.
you with him at his right hand vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

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Distribution Hymn

463 "Hail Thee, Festival Day"



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er,



day when our Lord was raised, break - ing the king - dom of death.



1 All the fair beau - ty of earth from the death of the win - ter a - ris - ing!
3 God the Al - might - y, the Lord, the — rul - er of earth and the heav - ens,
5 Spir - it of life and of pow'r, now — flow in us, fount of our be - ing,



Ev - 'ry good gift of the year now with its mas - ter re - turns:
guard us from harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
light that en - light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:



2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of life and cre - a - tion.
4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our minds, great Re - deem - er,
6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and Au - thor of con - cord,



Tread - ing the path - way of death, new life you give to us all:
Son of the Fa - ther su - preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
pour out your balm on our days; or - der our ways in your peace:

Post-Communion Canticle

948 "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise"

Please stand as the canticle is introduced



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Thanksgiving

(Psalm 118:1)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Proclamation

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

(Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11)

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

(Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

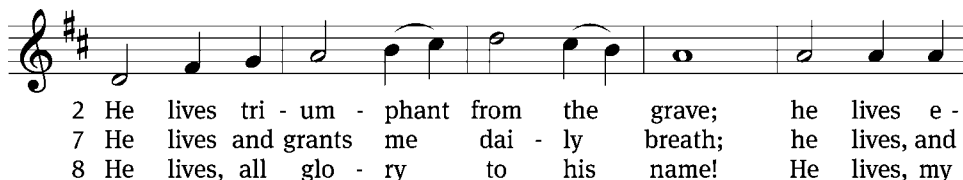
441 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (stanzas 1, 2, 7 and 8)

Please remain standing for the first stanza and follow the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!

Please be seated



2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my

ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
 I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion
 Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this
 in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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The Paschal Candle

Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter. It was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (sometimes referred to as the "Pasch") that Jesus rose from the dead and proved himself to be the true Passover Lamb whose blood removes the threat of death (cf. Exodus 12; 1 Corinthians 6:6-8).

Paschal Candles are usually very large, white, and inscribed with a cross. They are also inscribed with the Greek letters Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet – which symbolize that Christ is eternal, the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).

The Paschal Candle is lit every Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday to symbolize that Jesus is risen from the dead and lives among his people never to die again. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as believers continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

The candle is also lit at Holy Baptisms and Christian funerals, reminding us of the believer's new birth and resurrection to eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.



There will not be any post-service announcements.

A personal prayer for after worship is printed on the first page of the hymnal.

If you haven't done so already, please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Special thanks to:

*Juanita Becker for playing organ... Afton Miller for serving as cantor...
the Sunday School students of the Children's Choir for singing, and Peter Hermanson for directing them...*

Ben Leyrer for serving as crucifer and distribution assistant...

*Aaron Palmer for serving as usher... Mark Buske for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream...
and the Campbell family for making the rough cross we display during the seasons of Lent and Easter.*

*For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words
and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our website to read this
Sunday's "**About the Propers**," a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.*

*All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter, the "Nain Messenger"** to stay
informed about all congregational news. Printed copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.*

*"**The Congregation at Prayer**," a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings, is
also posted on the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our church website.*

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