

✠ HOLY THURSDAY ✠

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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.

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Holy Week

A Holy Week

While there are many holy *days*, there is only one *Holy Week*. The final week of Lent marks the most pivotal week in human history. In the four Gospels, this single week consumes nearly a third of the words written. The Holy Spirit considered the events of this week that important! Believers slow down during this special week to ponder all that Jesus did for them – from his humble entrance into Jerusalem, to his arrest and trials, to his sacrificial death on the cross, and to his victorious resurrection from the dead.

Triduum

Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday marks the end of Lenten preparation and the beginning of the three holy days of Christendom called the “Triduum.” *Triduum* is Latin for “three days,” referring to Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The Triduum services are closely connected and considered a single service that extends over the course of this three-day period.

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ gathered with his disciples to celebrate the Passover and prepare them for his imminent suffering, death, and resurrection. It was at this upper room gathering that Jesus washed his apostles’ feet and gave them and all believers the command of love that replaces self with neighbor.

On this same night Jesus also changed the Passover meal forever with his words, “This is my body ... This is my blood.” Jesus now gives his Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in which he is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine to give believers his heavenly forgiveness and strengthen their faith. The Lord’s Supper proclaims the depth of Jesus’ love and gives believers power to live out Christ’s command to love one another as he has loved us.

The Service

Setting Two

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

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. Please remain silent as you prepare for worship.

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

The Preparation

Tolling of the Bells

Opening Hymn

416 "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"



1 When you woke that Thurs-day morn-ing, Sav-ior, teach-er,
2 Nev-er so a-lone and lone-ly, long-ing with tor-
3 What was there that you could give them that would nev-er
4 One in faith, in love u-nit-ed, all one bod-y,
5 One day all the Church will cap-ture that bright vi-sion



faith-ful friend, thoughts of self and safe-ty scorn-ing, know-ing
ment-ed heart to be with your dear ones on-ly for a
be out-spent, what great gift that would out-live them, what last
you the head, when we meet, by you in-vit-ed, you are
glo-ri-ous, and your saints will know the rap-ture that your



how the day would end; Lamb of God, fore-told for
qui-et hour a-part: sin-less Lamb and fall-en
will and tes-ta-ment? "Show me and the world you
with us, as you said. One with you and one an-
heart de-sired for us, when the longed-for peace and



a - ges, now at last the hour had come when but One could
crea - ture, one last pas - chal meal to eat, one last les - son
love me, know me as the Lamb of God: do this in re -
oth - er in a u - ni - ty sub - lime, see in us your
un - ion of the great - est and the least meet in joy - ous,



pay sin's wa - ges: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
as their teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.
mem - brance of me, eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
sis - ter, broth - er, one in ev - 'ry place and time.
blest com - mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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Invocation

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

Please stand

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

Amen.

Instruction for the End of Lent

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion, first instituted on this night, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

Confession

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

As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

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.

Exhortation

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, reconciled us to God, and promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

The Word

First Reading

Exodus 24:1-11

Forgiven by the shedding of blood, the elders of Israel were given a glimpse of heaven.

24 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, along with Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship me from a distance.

² Only Moses is allowed to come near the LORD, but the others are not to come near, and the people are not to go up with him.”

³ Moses came and reported to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances. Then all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do.” ⁴ Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.

He got up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He set up twelve memorial stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ He sent young Israelite men, who offered whole burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings of cattle to the LORD.

⁶ Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and he splashed half of the blood on the altar. ⁷ He took the Book of the Covenant and read it out loud to the people and they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do. We will obey.”

⁸ Moses took the blood and splashed it on the people. He said, “Look, here is the blood of the covenant, which the LORD made with you by means of all these words.”

⁹ Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰ They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. ¹¹ The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 116 B “I Will Walk in the Presence of the LORD”

The Church sings Psalm 116 in services that celebrate the Lord delivering us from death. The original meaning of “cup of salvation” is debated, but because the psalm was commonly sung at Passover, it came to be associated with Holy Communion.

Refrain

I will walk in the pres - ence of the LORD,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Tone

**I love the LORD, for he / heard my voice;
he heard my cry for / mercy.
Because he turned his / ear to me,
I will call on him as long / as I live.
The LORD is gracious and / righteous;
when I was brought low, he / saved me.**

Refrain

**What shall I return / to the LORD
for all his good- / ness to me?
I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation
and call on the name / of the LORD.
Precious in the sight / of the LORD
is the death of his faithful / servants.**

**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.**

Refrain

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

St. Paul maintains that every time we celebrate the sacrament, our eyes are lifted to Jesus on the cross.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord’s body and blood. ²⁸ Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

⁷ Jesus answered him, “You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand.”

⁸ Peter told him, “You will never, ever, wash my feet!”

Jesus replied, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with me.”

⁹ “Lord, not just my feet,” Simon Peter replied, “but also my hands and my head!”

¹⁰ Jesus told him, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you.” ¹¹ Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹² After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. ¹⁴ Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you.

³⁴ “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

659 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, turned a - way God's
2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, he, this pre - cious
3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; take heed how you
4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion if sal - va - tion



wrath for - ev - er; by his bit - ter grief and woe
food sup - ply - ing, gives his bod - y with the bread
are pre - par - ing, for if you do not be - lieve,
you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup - pose



he saved us from the e - vil foe.
and with the wine the blood he shed.
judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
you need not him who died and rose.

- 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,
and receive my grace and favor;
those who feel no pain or ill
need no physician's help or skill."
- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
that this food is to be taken
by the souls who are distressed,
by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
unto us such food has given
and, to mend what we have done,
gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes
and your mouth your sin confesses,
surely you will be his guest
and at his banquet ever blest.

*Text: John Hus, c. 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
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Sermon

John 13:1-15, 34
"Greater Love"

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

Holy Thursday

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God, pictured in the ancient Passover feast, now giving your own body and pouring out your own blood in Holy Communion. Just as the Passover lambs assured the Israelites of God's promise to deliver them from death,

strengthen our belief that the bread is your real body and the wine is your real blood, given to us for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Prepare us to receive this sacrament remembering your death and repenting of our sins.

Unite us by our oneness of faith throughout this congregation and our synod, and love us to the end that we may love others as you have loved us.

We rejoice in our fellow believers who have been instructed in your Word and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, who are now ready to receive Holy Communion.

Equip them with every spiritual blessing for doing your will.

Keep in your care those unable to receive the sacrament often because they are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, serving in the military, or otherwise separated from the fellowship of believers. Encourage them so that they do not lose hope.

Be gracious to us all and nourish us with this feast, that we remain faithful unto death, and become partakers of the wedding feast of the Lamb. Amen.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.



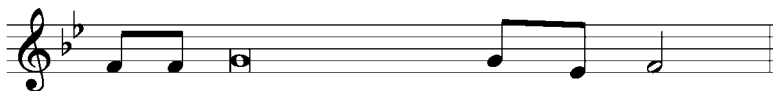
And al - so with you.

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

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 a single system with seven staves. The first staff is a prelude consisting of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The subsequent six staves contain the lyrics, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en 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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32; Philippians 2:6-11)

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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 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 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.

Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

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

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." This phrase is repeated three times. The first two repetitions end with a double bar line, and the third repetition ends with a final double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of one octave.

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Please be seated

Distribution Hymn

417 "It Was a Dark and Dismal Night"



1 It was a dark and dis - mal night when pow'rs of
2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan, he took the
3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin; re - ceive and
4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end, in mem - 'ry
5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate; we show your



earth and hell a - rose a - gainst the Son, our
bread and blessed and broke. What love through all his
eat the liv - ing food." Then took the cup and
of your dy - ing friend; meet at my ta - ble
death; we sing your name till you re - turn and



God's de - light, and friends be - trayed him to his foes.
ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of grace he spoke!
blessed the wine: "This is my all - a - ton - ing blood."
and re - cord the love of your de - part - ed Lord."
we shall eat the mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

Distribution Hymn

677 "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this



brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
 sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
 sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 for us made, and all our debt he ful - ly paid.
 sup - per here we taste his love, so sweet, so near.
 as he said, his ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

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| <p>5 A precious food is this indeed,
 it never fails us in our need,
 a heav'nly manna for our soul
 until we safely reach our goal.</p> | <p>7 They who his Word do not believe
 this food unworthily receive,
 salvation here will never find—
 may we this warning keep in mind!</p> |
| <p>6 How blest is each believing guest
 who in these promises finds rest,
 for Jesus will in love abide
 with those who do in him confide!</p> | <p>8 Help us sincerely to believe
 that we may worthily receive
 your supper and in you find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.</p> |

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.

Post-Communion Canticle

942 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Please stand as the canticle is introduced



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

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)

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

The Blessing is omitted since our worship on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday is considered one continuous service of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection

Background Music

422 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Stripping of the Altar

While the music is being played, the candles, bookstand, linens, paraments, and altar cross will be solemnly removed from the altar.

The stripping of the altar is done in remembrance of our Lord's abandonment by his disciples in Gethsemane and in preparation for Good Friday. Since the Christian altar symbolizes Jesus Christ, we also recall how Jesus' body was stripped of its pure seamless undergarment on Good Friday. These garments were divided among the Roman soldiers just as prophesied in Psalm 22. As we begin to meditate upon our Lord's Passion, the church is emptied of its ornamental beauty and darkened. It will remain so until the Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday when it will be decorated again for our celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After the altar is stripped of its belongings, the cantor will sing Psalm 88.

Psalm 88

Sung by the cantor



- 1 LORD, you are the God who / saves me;
day and night I cry / out to you.
- 2 May my prayer come be- / fore you;
turn your ear / to my cry.
- 3 I am overwhelmed with / troubles
and my life draws / near to death.
- 4 I am counted among those who go down / to the pit;
I am like one / without strength.
- 5 I am set apart / with the dead,
like the slain who lie / in the grave,
whom you remember / no more,
who are cut off / from your care.
- 6 You have put me in the / lowest pit,
in the / darkest depths.
- 7 Your wrath lies heavi- / ly on me;
you have overwhelmed me with / all your waves.
- 8 You have taken from me my / closest friends
and have made me repulsive / to them.
I am confined and can- / not escape;
- 9 my eyes are / dim with grief.

I call to you, LORD, / every day;
I spread out my / hands to you.
- 10 Do you show your wonders / to the dead?
Do their spirits rise up and / praise you?
- 11 Is your love declared / in the grave,
your faithfulness in De- / struction?

- ¹² Are your wonders known in the place of / darkness,
or your righteous deeds in the land of ob- / livion?
- ¹³ But I cry to you for / help, LORD;
in the morning my prayer comes be- / fore you.
- ¹⁴ Why, Lord, do you / reject me
and hide your / face from me?
- ¹⁵ From my youth I have suffered and been / close to death;
I have borne your terrors and am / in despair.
- ¹⁶ Your wrath has swept / over me;
your terrors have de- / stroyed me.
- ¹⁷ All day long they surround me / like a flood;
they have completely en- / gulfed me.
- ¹⁸ You have taken from me friend and / neighbor—
darkness is my / closest friend.

The lights are turned off

The service is concluded



There will not be any post-service music or 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.

You will not be ushered out. You may depart any time after the closing hymn.

***Please refrain from conversation until after you have departed the church building
so those who wish to remain in church to pray and meditate may do so in silence.***

Pastor Berg will be available in the narthex shortly after the service if you would like to speak with him.

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

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For more information about our synod, please visit its website: www.wels.net



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Holy Week Schedule

Please join us for our remaining Holy Week worship services as we focus on Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection to save us from our sins! These events in Christ's life are the heart of our faith.

We hope you will attend each of these celebrations of our Lord's work to redeem us.

Good Friday *	April 3	Friday	7:00 pm
Holy Saturday *	April 4	Saturday	7:00 pm
Easter Sunday (Dawn)	April 5	Sunday	6:30 am
Easter Breakfast	April 5	Sunday	8:00 am
Easter Sunday (Day) *	April 5	Sunday	10:00 am

** Service will be live streamed on Nain's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@nainlutheran*



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