

✠ MIDWEEK OF LENT 2 ✠

March 4, 2026



**Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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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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*Midweek Lent*

***It Is Finished***

***The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah***

The theme of our Midweek Lenten services this year is: “It Is Finished.” At each service, we will hear prophecies about our Lord God’s work to save sinners from the book of Zechariah. Zechariah described the events of Jesus’ suffering and death with such vivid clarity—centuries before those events took place—that he is referred to as the “Holy Week Prophet.” We will see that because Jesus fulfilled every prophecy God made to his people about the coming Messiah and perfectly carried out God’s plan of salvation, he could cry from the cross, “It is finished!”

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***Scattered Sheep***

The Lord, through the mouth of the prophet Zechariah, proclaimed, “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.” When a shepherd quits, is removed from his position, or dies, what happens to the sheep? Left helpless with no one to protect them, they scatter in fear.

After celebrating the Passover with his disciples, and before he led them to the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus quoted Zechariah’s prophecy. He said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” In the next dreadful hours, Zechariah’s words would be fulfilled. The Good Shepherd (Jesus) would be struck down, and his sheep (his disciples) would scatter in fear.

A faithful shepherd places himself between the flock and danger. Jesus’ little lambs daily face danger from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Furthermore, we wander away from our Shepherd, and don’t always appreciate the care he offers us. We deserve to be “struck down”, not Jesus. But since God loves us, he sent his Son Jesus Christ to battle our enemies and endure the punishment we deserve; to be “struck down” by suffering and dying in our place! Now, having risen from the dead, Jesus searches for us and brings us back into the fold!

# Evening Prayer

## Vespers

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**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 music or announcements. Please remain silent as you prepare for worship.*

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

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## Service of Light

### Tolling of the Bells

### Opening Hymn

404 "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing in your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es with the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me by your wounds, Lord,  
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, grant that in your



wounds I find, ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing pains of  
sin - ful mind, let me think a - bout your pas - sion, and new  
eas - y road, with se - duc - tive, sin - ful vic - es, let me  
is made whole; when I'm weak, your cross re - vives me, grant - ing  
death I trust, know - ing death has lost its pow - er since you



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load you were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny



tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, show the per - il,  
 let me then be on my guard, say - ing, "Christ for  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure, mas - ter - ing each  
 ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; for your all - a -  
 ev - er help and com - fort me; when I die be



and from sin - ning keep me ere its first be - gin - ning.  
 me was wound - ed," that the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 wild temp - ta - tion, calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 ton - ing pas - sion has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 my pro - tec - tion, light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

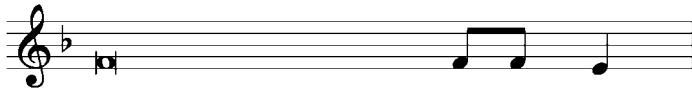
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*Please stand*

## Opening Sentences

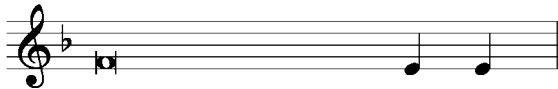
*(John 8:12; Luke 24:29; 1 John 1:5)*

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



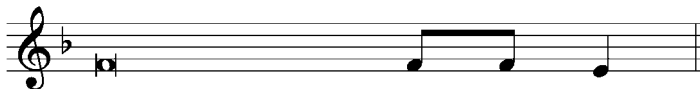
**the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



**and the day is almost o - ver.**

Be our light and scatter the darkness,



**and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

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# Hymn of Light *Phos hilaron*

(Psalm 118:28; Isaiah 9:2; John 1:5-9)



1 Glad - d'ning light of pur - est glo - ry, shin - ing  
2 In the fad - ing light of eve - ning, as the  
3 For your gift of life un - end - ing, joy - ful



down from heav'n on high, from the ev - er -  
set - ting sun de - parts, Fa - ther, Son, and  
voic - es ev - er sing hymns of praise that



liv - ing Fa - ther— hail, most bless - ed Je - sus Christ!  
Ho - ly Spir - it— we a - dore you, Lord our God.  
right - ly hon - or, Son of God, your sav - ing name.

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Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# Psalm 141

(Psalm 141:1-4,8)

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up  
of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I  
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Penitential Psalm

Psalm 32

*Psalm 32 is the second of the seven penitential psalms.*

- <sup>1</sup> How blessed is the person  
whose rebellion is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- <sup>2</sup> **How blessed is the person  
whose guilt the LORD does not charge against him,  
in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away as I groaned all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> **For day and night your hand was heavy on me.  
My moisture was dried up by the droughts of summer.**
- <sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover up my guilt.  
**I said, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**
- <sup>6</sup> Because of this, let everyone who receives favor pray to you  
at a time when you may be found.  
**Surely when the mighty waters overflow,  
they will not reach him.**
- <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place.  
You will protect me from distress.  
**You will surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- <sup>8</sup> I will make you wise.  
I will instruct you in the way that you should go.  
**I will guide you, keeping my eye on you.**
- <sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, which has no understanding.  
**Its mouth must be controlled by a bit and bridle,  
or else it will not come to you.**
- <sup>10</sup> Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but mercy will surround those who trust in the LORD.
- <sup>11</sup> **Rejoice in the LORD and celebrate, all you righteous,  
and shout joyfully, all you upright in heart.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Gethsemane and the Arrest of Jesus*

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He told his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup> He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be sorrowful and distressed. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death. Stay here, and keep watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup> He went a little farther, fell on his face, and prayed. He said, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

<sup>40</sup> He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “So, were you not able to stay awake with me for one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>42</sup> He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.” <sup>43</sup> Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before. <sup>45</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near.”

<sup>47</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the Twelve) arrived. With him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign: “The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him.” <sup>49</sup> Immediately he went to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Friend, why are you here?”

Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. <sup>51</sup> Suddenly, one of the men with Jesus reached out his hand, drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?”

<sup>55</sup> At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come out to arrest me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Thus far the Passion History of Our Lord.

**All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
By his wounds we are healed.** (Isaiah 53:6,5 NIV)

*Please remain silent for meditation*

## Sermon Hymn

425 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar - rained. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall,  
at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
breath - less clay; all is sol - i - tude and gloom.



watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his  
oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

## Sermon Text

Zechariah 13:7-9

- 7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,  
and against the man who is my associate, declares the LORD of Armies.  
Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered,  
and I will turn my hand against the little ones.
- 8 This will take place in the whole land, declares the LORD:  
Two thirds of those who remain in it will be cut off and perish,  
but one third will be left in it.
- 9 I will put that third into the fire,  
and I will refine them as silver is refined,  
and I will test them as gold is tested.  
They will call on my name, and I will answer them.  
I will say, "This is my people."  
And they will say, "The LORD is my God."

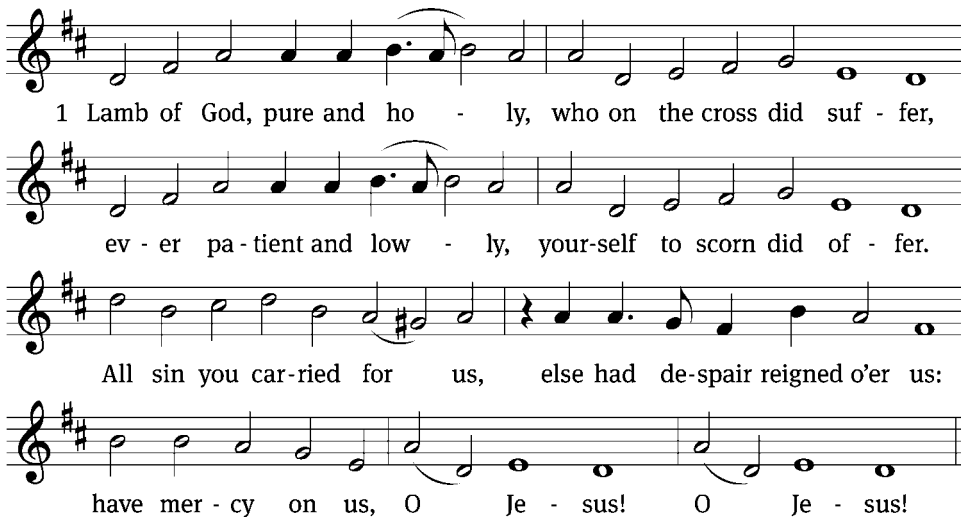
## Sermon

"Scattered Sheep"

## Song of Praise

947 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" (stanza 1)

*Please remain seated*



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,  
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.  
All sin you car - ried for us, else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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**Lord, Have Mercy**    *Kyrie*

*(Psalm 51:1; Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13)*

*Please stand*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the gifts of humility and repentance, and for the will to bear our crosses as we follow Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the perspective to see that, apart from Christ, gain is loss, and in Christ, loss is gain, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For minds set on heavenly things, for hearts that long for heavenly glory, and for perseverance to press on and take hold of our heavenly prize, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Prayer

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

## Benedicamus

*(Psalm 103:1)*

Let us praise the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

## Blessing

*(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



**A - men.**

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

402 "Glory Be to Jesus"



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for venge - ance plead - ed to the skies,



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.  
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.  
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.  
but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
lifts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing  
make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood!

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*The Pastor departs in silence*

*Please remain silent for meditation*





**Special thanks to:**

Joel Schwartz for playing organ...  
and Mark Buske for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream.

**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.

**If you have an offering**, you can place it in the collection box located in the narthex.

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!

**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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