

✠ THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT ✠

March 8, 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.

# Oculi

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*Lent*

### ***Exactly What I Need***

Mankind's greatest problems are universal. All people struggle with the frailty of their human nature and live under the curse of sin. That sin separates us from God. Left in our sinful state, we would remain helpless and hopeless, doomed to death, and separated from God forever.

Lent is the season of the Church Year when we recognize our greatest needs: grace, mercy, and peace; forgiveness, life, and eternal salvation in heaven. The good news of Lent is that God knows these needs and meets them in Jesus Christ. If one lacks Christ, he has nothing. However, believers who possess Christ by faith can declare, "I have exactly what I need."

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### ***Water***

The Third Sunday in Lent is traditionally known as "Oculi" Sunday. The Sunday derives its name from the Latin words of the Introit (i.e. the opening verses) of the day: "My eyes (*oculi*) are always on the LORD, because he frees my feet from the net" (Psalm 25:15).

A person can survive only two to three days without water. Water is one of our greatest needs. This helps us understand what Scripture means when it says things like, "My soul thirsts for God" (Psalm 42:2). If one is separated from God, he is adversely affected. If he remains separated from God, he will die an agonizing eternal death.

Everyone has a deep spiritual thirst. In our heart of hearts, we all long for everlasting life. Unbelievers try to satisfy that deep thirst with worldly things. Believers look to the One who has promised, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." Jesus meets our greatest needs. He alone possesses the water that satisfies those who are spiritually parched.

# The Service

## Setting Two

*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.*

## The Preparation

### Opening Hymn

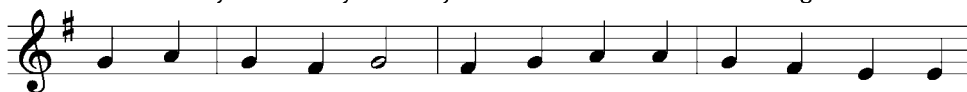
409 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Dare we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent



whom we love, foun - tain in life's des - ert drear - y, Sav - ior  
pent - ant vow, as we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, see your  
love for you! May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be -



from the world a - bove, of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Since your sin - less death has brought us  
hold your cross a - new, till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; yet, up - on the  
life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest, on - ly what your  
from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, you en - dured the pain of all.  
grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied!

## 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.**

## Lenten Dialogue

Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and compassionate,  
**slow to anger and abounding in mercy,  
and he relents from sending disaster.** (Joel 2:13)

Repent and return  
to have your sins wiped out. (Acts 3:19)

**How blessed is the person  
whose guilt the LORD does not charge against him.** (Psalm 32:2 a)

The LORD your God is gracious and merciful.  
He will not turn his face away from you if you return to him. (2 Chronicles 30:9 b)

**He is patient ... not wanting anyone to perish,  
but all to come to repentance.** (2 Peter 3:9 b)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.  
For his mercy endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

**Blessed be the LORD,  
because he has heard ... my plea for mercy.** (Psalm 28:6)

## 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.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie**

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


In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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 mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



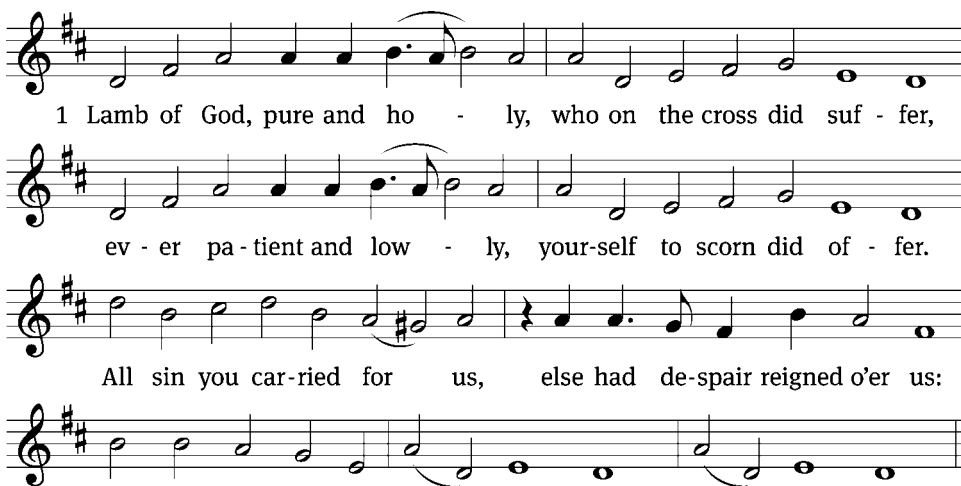
A - men.

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Traditionally, "Glory to God in the Highest" (i.e. the "Gloria") is not sung during the penitential season of Lent. During this time of preparation, the Church looks forward to the return of this song on Easter Sunday when we will celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ's glorious resurrection from the dead.

## Song of Praise

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



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!

# 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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

*The children of Israel wanted to stone Moses because they were thirsty. So God, in his grace, gave this underserving people water from a stone.*

**17** The entire Israelite community set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin as the LORD had commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> So the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses said to them, “Why are you quarreling with me? Why are you testing the LORD?”

<sup>3</sup> But the people were thirsty for water there, so they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you ever bring us up out of Egypt to let us, our children, and our livestock die of thirst?”

<sup>4</sup> Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me!”

<sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go in front of the people, and take the elders of Israel with you. Also take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> Watch me. I will stand there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will drink.” Moses did that in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He named the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 95 A “The Rock of Our Salvation”

*The Church sings Psalm 95 in services that praise God as the source of the water of life and the rock of our eternal salvation. The psalm connects joyful worship of God with penitent listening to his Word.*

### Refrain



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

### Tone

**Come, let us sing for joy / to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the rock of our sal- / vation.  
Let us come before him with thanks- / giving  
and extol him with mu- / sic and song.  
For the LORD is the / great God,  
the great King a- / bove all gods.  
In his hand are the depths / of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks be- / long to him.  
The sea is his, for he / made it,  
and his hands formed the / dry land.**

*Refrain*

**Come, let us bow down in / worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our / maker;  
for he is our God and we are the people of his / pasture,  
the flock under / his care.  
Today, if only you would / hear his voice,  
“Do not hard- / en your hearts  
as you did at / Meribah,  
as you did that day at Massah in the / wilderness.”**

**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**

**Romans 5:1-8**

*We were like people dying of thirst who were powerless to help themselves. But God's love has been poured out into our hearts like living water.*

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, <sup>4</sup>and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. <sup>8</sup>But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

John 14:13,14

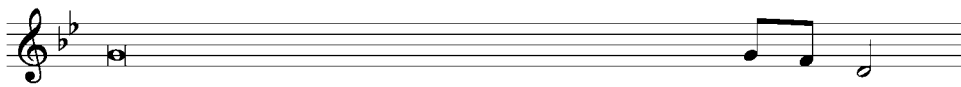


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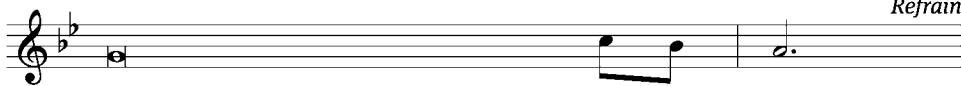


Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

### Tone



Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirst - y a - gain,



but whoever drinks the water I give them will nev - er thirst."

*Refrain*

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*The pastor processes to the nave floor for the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word*

## Gospel

John 4:5-26

*Jesus calls a Samaritan woman to faith, providing living water for her thirsty soul.*

<sup>5</sup> (Jesus) came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup> “Sir,” she said, “you don’t even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals.”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life.”

<sup>15</sup> “Sir, give me this water,” the woman said to him, “so I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus told her, “Go, call your husband, and come back here.”

<sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say, ‘I have no husband.’ <sup>18</sup> In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman replied, “I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (the one called Christ). “When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I, the one speaking to you, am he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

703 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

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## Sermon

John 4:5-26

"If You Knew the Gift of God"

## 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

Lent

Let us pray...

*After the prayer, please stand at the direction of the pastor*

# 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

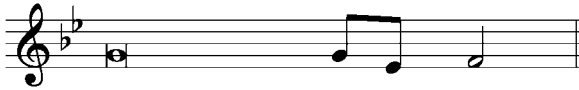
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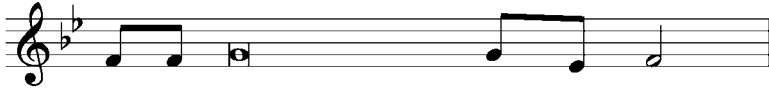
**And al - so with you.**

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.**

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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 G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. 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!

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## 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 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.**

# 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, while the third 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

# 394 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, par - a -  
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul - re -



by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
 lyzed, and blind; here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



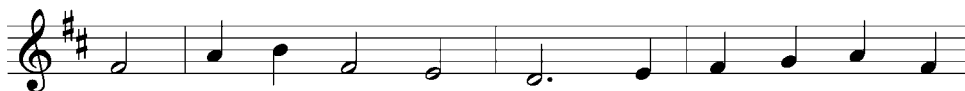
flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -  
 from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and  
 here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 break his cov - e - nant of blood, signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; you shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; they that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

## Distribution Hymn

397 "My Song Is Love Unknown"



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow, but such dis - dain! So few the longed - for Christ would  
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake  
 know! But oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 who at my need his life did spend!  
 and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have  
 my dear Lord made away.  
 A murderer they save,  
 the Prince of life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful he  
 to suffering goes  
 that he his foes  
 from death might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was his home  
but mine the tomb  
wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;  
no story so divine,  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend!

*Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683, alt. Tune: John N. Ireland, 1879–1962 Text and tune: Public domain*

## 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.**

## 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.*

## Create in Me a Clean Heart (CW 942)

(Psalm 51:10-12)

*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.

*Text: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev. Tune: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev. James E. Engel, 1925-1989 Text and tune: Public domain*

## 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.**

## **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 T give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

708 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (stanzas 1 and 2)

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to  
2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me  
sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me  
call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a  
son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his  
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to  
name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.

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### Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday | March 11 | 4:00 & 7:00 pm

Our theme this Wednesday will be: "It Is Finished: The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth."  
Join us as we hear that though many people in this world promote falsehood, believers are called to follow  
Jesus' example in boldly confessing the truth of God's Word.

The 7:00 pm service will be live streamed on Nain's YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/@nainlutheran](http://www.youtube.com/@nainlutheran)



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!

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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.

Nain is a member congregation of the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**

For more information about our synod, please visit its website: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

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