

✝ ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS ✝

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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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“Let Your Holy Angel Be with Me”

We live in a time of trouble, in the midst of great tribulation. We are surrounded by a host of evil enemies. We are combatants on the battlefield in the middle of a massive spiritual war. Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth in great wrath, with woeful temptations to sin and with constant accusations.

Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife. The archangel Michael is mentioned several times in the book of Daniel, where he is described as the guardian of the Israelites, “the great prince who protects (God’s) people” (Daniel 12:1). In the New Testament he is represented in the epistle of St. Jude as disputing with the devil over the body of Moses (Jude 1:9), and in the Revelation to St. John as fighting against the dragon, “that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray” (Revelation 12:9).

In his Morning and Evening Prayers, Dr. Martin Luther models how we can pray to God for angelic protection to befuddle the power of Satan: “Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe have no power over me.”

Today, as we celebrate the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, we are reminded that our Father in heaven protects his children by giving his holy angels charge over us. These heavenly servants of God preserve his human messengers on earth against all the power of the enemy; for by the Word of Christ, the Church is saved, and the devil is defeated.

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

Tolling of the Bells

Opening Hymn

777 "As Morning Dawns, Dear Savior"



- 1 As morn - ing dawns, dear Sav - ior, my praise and thanks I
- 2 All through the night you kept me se - cure - ly in your
- 3 Lord, grant me your pro - tec - tion through - out the com - ing
- 4 What - ev - er my en - deav - or, your ho - ly an - gel
- 5 Your Word shall al - ways guide me, rich wis - dom to be -



bring for your rich grace and fa - vor; with
arms; your pres - ence did pro - tect me, pre -
hours from Sa - tan's vile de - cep - tion, from
send, that Sa - tan's guile may nev - er my
stow; you will with grace pro - vide me and



songs of joy I sing. Though seat - ed on your
serv - ing me from harm. To you I hum - bly
sin's cor - rupt - ing pow'rs, from dan - gers, threats, and
faith bring to an end. Though thou - sand foes as -
cause my faith to grow. Your pow - er from a -



throne, you still are ev - er near me, with prom - is -
plead; with shame my sin con - fess - ing, I seek your
shame, from sick - ness, death, and sad - ness. I face the
sail, I stand, God's Word be - liev - ing, his prom - is -
bove will keep me and pro - tect me; in all I



es to cheer me, your love for me made known.
great - est bless - ing— for - give - ness that I need.
day with glad - ness and call up - on your name.
es re - ceiv - ing; in Christ I shall pre - vail.
do di - rect me, in keep - ing with your love.

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



6 My con - fi - dence is found - ed on God's un - chang - ing



Word; in him my trust is ground - ed, with



prom - is - es as - sured. My hands with joy I



give to do the work he sends me, with tal - ents



that he lends me; for him a - lone I'll live.

Invocation

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

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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 ✠ 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.



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



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



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Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Acts 7:56)

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

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.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth; 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

2 Kings 6:8-17

Elisha's ministry resulted in Elisha and his servant being surrounded by an enemy army. But there was no need to fear. As Elisha fulfilled his mission to proclaim the word and will of God, the mighty army of angels fulfilled their mission by providing Elisha with protection.

⁸ Now when the king of Aram was waging war against Israel, he would make plans with his officials, saying, "My camp will be at such and such a place."

⁹ But the man of God would send a message to the king of Israel, saying, "Be careful when you pass this place because the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰ So the king of Israel would send scouts to the place that the man of God had pointed out. So the man of God warned him, and he was kept safe—and not just once or twice.

¹¹ The king of Aram was enraged because of this. He summoned his officials and said to them, "Won't you tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?"

¹² One of his officials said, "No, my lord the king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words which you speak in your bedroom."

¹³ Then he said, "Go and see where he is. Then I'll send men and capture him."

He was told, “Dothan is where he is.”

¹⁴ So he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They came at night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵ When the man of God’s servant got up early and went out, there were soldiers, horses, and chariots surrounding the city. So his attendant said to Elisha, “Oh no, my lord! What will we do?”

¹⁶ He answered, “Don’t be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, open his eyes so that he can see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

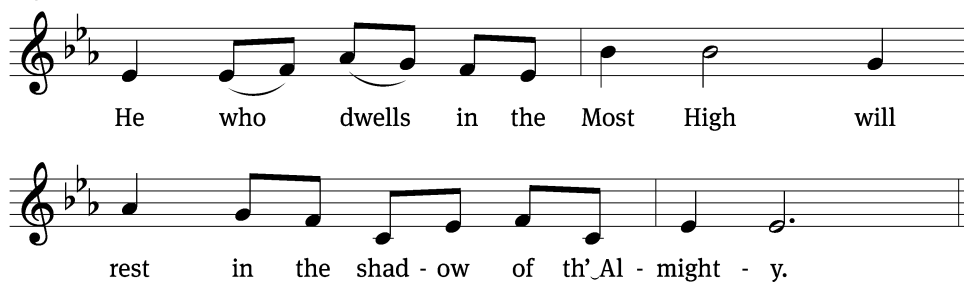
Psalm 91 A “The Shadow of the Almighty”

The Church sings Psalm 91 in services that focus on times of crisis, especially temptation or persecution. The lion and the snake (verse 13) are sometimes scriptural references to the devil, and the devil uses this psalm to tempt Jesus (Luke 4:10,11).

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

The Cantor will sing the verses

Refrain



Tone



Congregation: (Refrain)

Cantor:

Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare
and from the deadly / pestilence.

He will cover you with his / feathers,
and under his wings you will find / refuge.

You will not fear the ter- / ror of night,
nor the arrow that / flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the / darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at / midday.

Congregation: (Refrain)

Cantor:

If you say, "The LORD is my / refuge,"
and you make the Most High your / dwelling,
no harm will over- / take you,
no disaster will come / near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- / cerning you
to guard you in / all your ways;
they will lift you up / in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot a- / gainst a stone.

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)

Second Reading

Revelation 12:7-12

In his revelation to St. John, Jesus Christ revealed a picture of a great war. It was between St. Michael and all the holy angels and Satan and all the demons. Satan was hurled from heaven to the earth along with his army, and there was rejoicing in heaven.

⁷ There was also a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon fought back along with his angels, ⁸ but he was not strong enough. There was no longer a place for them in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent, the one called the Devil and Satan, the one who leads the whole inhabited earth astray—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying:

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ,
because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

¹¹ They conquered him
because of the blood of the Lamb and
because of the word of their testimony.
They did not love their lives in the face of death.

¹² For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and those who dwell in them.
Woe to the earth and the sea,
for the Devil has gone down to you.
He is full of rage, because he knows that his time is short.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 103:20



Refrain



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

Tone



Praise the LORD, you his an - gels, you mighty ones who do his bid - ding.

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

Luke 10:17-20

Christ sent out the seventy-two armed with nothing but the Word of God. Satan fell from heaven when the Spirit worked faith in the hearts of men through the Word. We rejoice that Christ enables us to overcome the work of demons. We rejoice even more that our names are written in heaven.

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!"

¹⁸He told them, "I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Look, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever harm you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

500 “Lord God, to You We Give All Praise”



1 Lord God, to you we give all praise, with grate - ful
 2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace and con - stant -
 3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; their whole de -
 4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; his en - vy



hearts our voic - es raise that an - gel hosts you did cre -
 ly be - hold your face. They heed your voice, they know it
 light is but to be with you, Lord Je - sus, and to
 and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and



ate a - round your glo - rious throne to wait.
 well; in god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
 keep your lit - tle flock, your lambs and sheep.
 pride your Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

5 As he of old deceived the world
 and into sin and death has hurled,
 so now he subtly lies in wait
 to undermine both Church and state.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
 no halt nor rest he ever knows;
 he seeks the Christians to devour
 and slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band
 that follows Christ on ev'ry hand
 to guard his people where they go
 and break the counsel of the foe.

8 O Lord, awaken songs of praise
 for angel hosts that guard our days;
 teach us to serve you and adore
 as angels do forevermore.

*Text: Philipp Melanchthon, 1497–1560, abr.; German version, Paul Eber, 1511–1569; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.
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Sermon

Revelation 12:7-12

“Seen and Unseen”

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

St. Michael and All Angels

Let us pray.

O Lord of hosts, eternal, immortal, and invisible King, we praise and thank you for protecting your people through your holy angels, who always behold your face and worship your majesty. Grant, we pray, as you have commanded them to do your will and to serve those who are the heirs of salvation, that they may also care for us that we may be delivered from every peril of body and soul that threatens us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Be merciful to the people of all nations, O Lord. And since you will reveal your Son Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels to take vengeance on all who have denied you and rejected your love in Christ, extend for the nations their time of grace so that they might come to believe and live eternally. Use us as messengers of your gospel to penetrate the powers of darkness and to bring many to glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Look on our own land with your favor. Give our citizens a love for what is true and right. Grant your blessing to all who have authority over us. Prosper our schools and colleges as they train many to proclaim your grace. Bless those who work with their minds and those who labor with their hands so that all human work may benefit your holy Church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Direct your holy angels to serve all who are in want, trouble, pain, sorrow, disappointment, anxiety, or any other trouble. Comfort them with your power and grace. Grant that your presence may brighten our homes, that children may learn of your tender love, and that all parents may walk in the counsel of your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

May your holy angels serve you as they serve us and at the end of our lives lead them to carry us to the riches of paradise. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer. 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

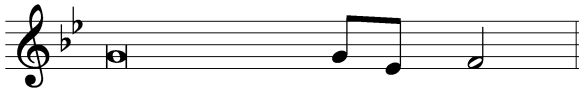
(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)

The Lord be with you.



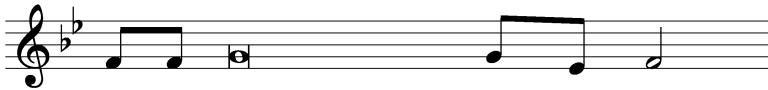
And al - so with you.

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.

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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, at whose bidding the holy angels carry out your good and gracious will as they are sent forth to serve those who will inherit salvation.

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 on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 ✠ 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)

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Please be seated

Distribution Hymn

498 "Stars of the Morning"



1 Stars of the morn - ing, so glo - rious - ly bright,
 2 These are your min - is - ters, these are your own,
 3 Then, when the earth was first poised in mid - space,
 4 Still let them aid us and still let them fight,



an - gels in heav - en, re - splend - ent in light,
 God of great maj - es - ty, near - est your throne;
 then, when the plan - ets first sped on their race,
 Lord God of hosts, as they bat - tle for right,



these, where no dark - ness the glo - ry can dim,
 these are your mes - sen - gers, these whom you send,
 then, when were end - ed the six days' em - ploy,
 till, where their an - thems they cease - less - ly pour,



praise the Thrice Ho - ly One, serv - ing but him.
 help - ing your help - less ones, Help - er and Friend.
 then all the sons of God shout - ed for joy.
 we with the an - gels may bow and a - dore.

Text: Joseph the Hymnographer, c. 810–886; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

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Distribution Hymn

621 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,
 frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,
 face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;



ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,
 slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,
 res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,
 all who dwell in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!
 al - le - lu - ia! praise with us the God of grace!

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 ✚ in peace.

Amen.

Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice (CW 957:1) *Exsultet*

(Revelation 5:11-14; 1 Peter 2:9)

Please stand as the canticle is introduced

1 Re - joyce, an - gel - ic choirs, re - joyce! Re-joyce now, all cre -
a - tion! Let trum - pets loud - ly raise their voice to hail the
Lord's sal - va - tion. Let all Christ's ho - ly priest-hood sing the
tri - umph of their might - y King in fes - tive cel - e - bra - tion!

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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)

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 ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Please remain standing for the closing hymn and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave

Closing Hymn

782 "Luther's Morning Prayer"



1 I thank you, heav'n-ly Fa - ther, thro' Je - sus, your dear Son,
2 I trust my soul and bod - y in - to your lov - ing hands.

that you this night have kept me from dan - ger and from harm.
All things that I en - coun - ter I leave to your good plans.

Keep me this day from e - vil, that all I say and do
Send me your ho - ly an - gel to rout the e - vil one

be pleas - ing and re - flec - tive of love first shown by you.
and crush his dread - ful pow - ers. A - men. Your will be done.

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Please be seated





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*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.*

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