

# ✚ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✚

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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.

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Proper 22

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*Season after Pentecost*

### ***Wounds That Heal***

Not all wounds are bad. For example, the result of a skilled doctor performing a successful surgery is not harm but healing. In the same way, words can wound. Words can “cut to the heart.” Sometimes, however, those painful words provide the very healing we need.

Jesus often taught things that were difficult to hear. As we read the Bible, we might find it difficult to accept everything that Jesus said. Yet, to ignore what Jesus teaches is to court eternal death. Hard as it may be, let us listen and take all that Jesus says to heart. For while Jesus speaks words that wound us, his intent is to heal our very soul.

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### ***Increased Faith Increases Duty***

As someone rises through the ranks at work, there are typically benefits: higher salary, more authority, better benefits. However, there is often a corresponding increase in responsibility: longer hours, more meetings, and raised expectations. So, if someone is offered a promotion, they might ask, “*Is this worth it?*” It is similar in God’s kingdom. As our faith grows, there are obvious benefits: the comfort of knowing you are a redeemed and loved child of God, the peace of knowing your eternity is secure. However, increased faith also increases duty. There are ever more opportunities for service. This week, Jesus has sharp words for those who want the benefits of being Christian but would shirk those responsibilities. However, to lead us to take up those responsibilities, our Savior doesn’t threaten or cajole. He helps us see that while increased faith increases duty, increased duty increases delight. The believer knows he serves the One who came to serve us first. Just as Christ’s service brought him great joy, so does our service to others.

# The Service

## Setting One

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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.*

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## The Preparation

### Opening Hymn

918 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; our souls to  
3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,  
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -  
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.  
crease our light that we may know your name a - right  
that blest place we then shall see you face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

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*Please stand*

## 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.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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.**

## Glory be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*

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

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## The Word

### Salutation

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

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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

1 Chronicles 29:1-2, 10-18

*In faith, the people of Israel understood that all their wealth came from the LORD. So, they joyfully embraced the privilege of donating generously to the construction of the LORD's temple.*

**29** King David said this to the whole assembly:

My son Solomon, the one God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The work is great because this citadel is not for a man. It is for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup> According to all my strength, I have provided these things for the house of my God: gold for the gold items, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron, wood for the wooden, onyx stones and settings, antimony, stones of many different colors, every kind of precious stone, and alabaster in abundance.

<sup>10</sup> David blessed the LORD in the presence of the entire assembly. He said:

Blessed are you, LORD, the God of Israel, our father, from eternity to eternity. <sup>11</sup> To you, O LORD, belong greatness, power, glory, victory, and majesty, because everything in the heavens and on the earth belongs to you. You, LORD, are exalted as head above everything. The kingdom belongs to you. <sup>12</sup> Riches and honor come from you. You are ruling over everything. In your hand are power and strength. It is in your power to make anyone great and strong. <sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we are thanking you and praising your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup> Who am I? Who are my people that we are able to offer willingly like this? For everything comes from you. What we have given to you came from your hand. <sup>15</sup> We are aliens and temporary residents before you, as were all our fathers. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope of staying.



<sup>16</sup> LORD, our God, all this abundance, which we have provided for building a house for you, for your holy name, is from your hand. This abundance belongs to you.

<sup>17</sup> I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you.

<sup>18</sup> LORD, the God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, preserve forever this purpose and way of thinking in the heart of your people. Direct their heart to you.

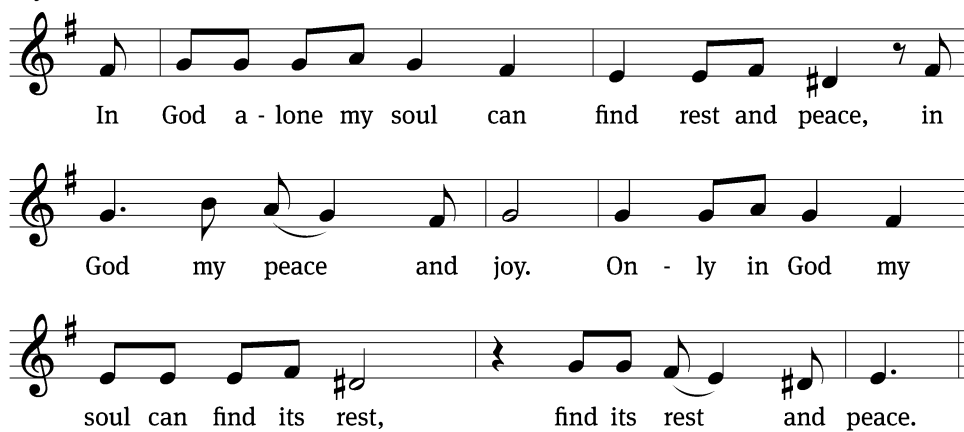
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm of the Day**      Psalm 62 A      “In God Alone My Soul Can Find Rest and Peace”

*The Church sings Psalm 62 in services that emphasize the rest we find in Jesus, not in anything that we ourselves accomplish or endure. The psalm’s theme is the absolute trustworthiness of our God, which moves us to flee to him in faith and to count on him in crisis.*

### *Refrain*



In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in  
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my  
soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

### *Tone*



Truly my soul finds / rest in God;  
my salvation / comes from him.  
Truly he is my rock and my sal- / vation;  
he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken.  
Yes, my soul, find / rest in God;  
my hope / comes from him.

*Refrain*

Though your rich- / es increase,  
do not set your / heart on them.  
My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my / refuge.  
Trust in him at all times, you / people;  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.

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

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11,12

*St. Paul thanks God for increasing the faith of the Thessalonians, enabling them to better love one another and to persevere even during persecution.*

**1** Paul, Silas, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> We are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, as is fitting, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love that each and every one of you has for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup> So we ourselves boast about you in God's churches in regard to your patient

endurance and faith in all your persecutions and in the trials that you are enduring. <sup>5</sup> This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer.

<sup>11</sup> For this reason, we are always praying for you, that our God will make you worthy of your calling and use his power to fulfill every good desire and work of your faith, <sup>12</sup> so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and you in him, in keeping with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

**Gospel Acclamation**

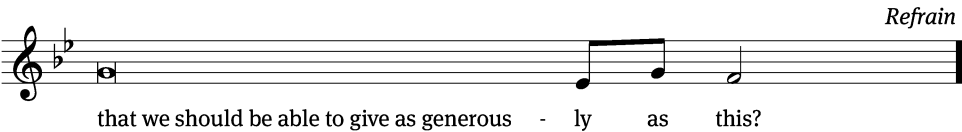
1 Chronicles 29:14



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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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 17:1-10

*With the apostles, we pray, “Lord, increase our faith,” then joyfully embrace the opportunities to serve that come along with that blessing.*

**17** Jesus said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup> It would be better for that person if a millstone would be hung around his neck and he would be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup> Watch yourselves.

“If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. <sup>4</sup> Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

<sup>6</sup> The Lord said, “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup> Which one of you who has a servant plowing or taking care of sheep will say to him when he comes in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at the table’? <sup>8</sup> Won’t the master tell him instead, ‘Prepare my supper, and after you are properly dressed, serve me while I eat and drink. After that you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup> He does not thank the servant because he did what he was commanded to do, does he? <sup>10</sup> So also you, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants. We have only done what we were supposed to do.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

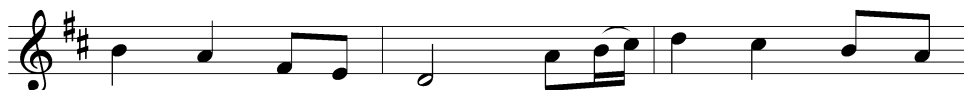
748 "Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our  
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his  
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a  
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high  
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our  
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,  
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and



striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,  
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful  
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in



then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.  
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.  
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

*Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–1872    Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813, ed. John Wyeth    Text and tune: Public domain*

## Sermon

Luke 17:1-10

*"Lord, Increase Our Faith!"*

## 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

*(Matthew 18:19,20; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1-4)*

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love and take them into your tender care.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**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.



Lift up your hearts.





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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

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)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.**

## 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.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God    *Agnus Dei*

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

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

*Please be seated*

## 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.**

## 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 Hymn

797 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

1 I know my faith is found - ed on Je - sus Christ, my  
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, for Sa - tan seeks by  
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though per - se - cu - tion,  
 God and Lord; and this my faith con - fess - ing, un -  
 night and day to rob me of this trea - sure and  
 grief, and pain should seek to o - ver - whelm me, let  
 moved I stand up - on his Word. Our rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And then at my de -  
 fath - om the truth of God pro - found; who trusts in world - ly  
 side me I shall be un - dis - mayed; and led by your good  
 par - ture, at home with you I'll be, and there will I in -  
 wis - dom re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 her - it all you have prom - ised me. In life and  
 all - suf - fi - cient, it makes di - vine - ly sure, and,  
 me, O Sav - ior, a firm - er faith be - stow; then  
 death, Lord, keep me un - til your heav'n I gain, where  
 trust - ing in its wis - dom, my faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance to ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by your great mer - cy the end of faith at - tain.

## Distribution Hymn

697 "May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on  
 2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -  
 3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;  
 dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.  
 hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra-cious help sup - ply.

still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your  
 One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of  
 To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian

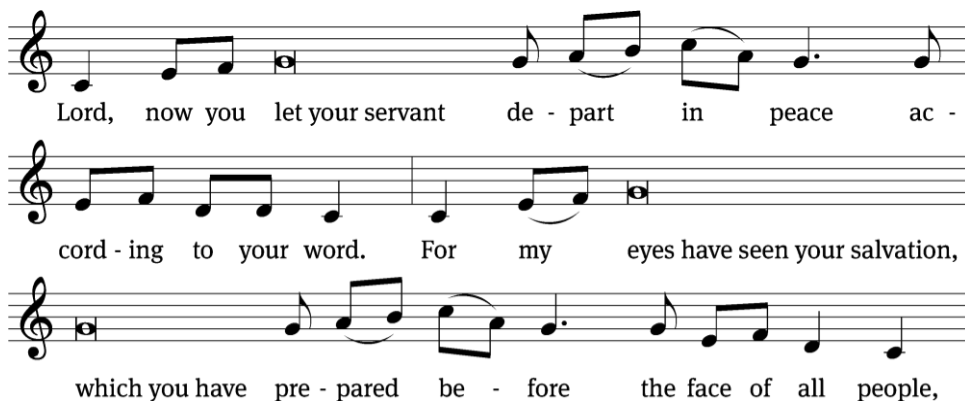
chil-dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.  
 all our hopes the same: a glo-rious crown of life.  
 fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

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## Lord, Now You Let Your Servant (CW 951) *Nunc Dimittis*

(Luke 2:29-32)

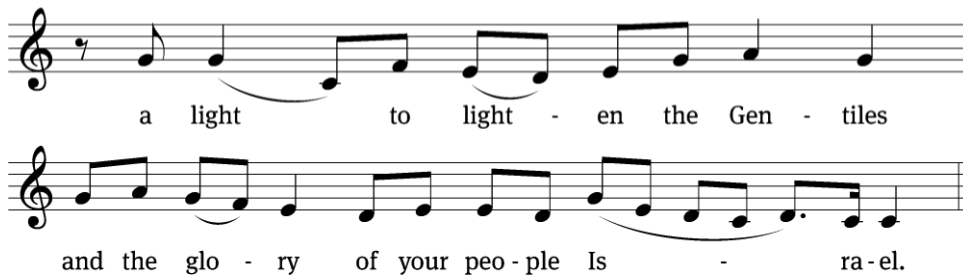
*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*



Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



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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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

*(Numbers 6:24-26)*

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# Closing Hymn

932 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,  
 the peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.  
 The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed  
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,  
 the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.  
 The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
 One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us  
 shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 u - nite us as one in his life that we share.  
 His grace did in - vite us; his love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing  
 to work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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

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