

✠ ALL SAINTS' DAY ✠

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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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Season after Pentecost

Cause / Effect

“Every why hath a wherefore.” That was Shakespeare’s poetic way of saying that very little happens by chance. Generally there is an agent behind an action. There is cause and effect. And to navigate life well, it is vital we understand both.

We are nearing the end of the Church Year. This past year, we have reviewed Jesus’ life and teaching. The Scripture readings in these final weeks recall some of the major themes that are woven throughout the Church Year. In this final series we will be looking at those themes with the understanding that “every why hath a wherefore.” We conclude the year by talking about cause and effect in God’s kingdom.

All Saints’ Day

Sainthood / Stamina

God grants the status of “saint” (which means “holy one”) to every believer. It might appear that status is of little practical value. If God calls you a saint, just like everyone else, you will struggle with trials, temptations, and sin. Being a saint does not make life easier. In some ways it makes life more difficult as we struggle against a world that is hostile toward Christ. This might lead us to ask, “Is it really that big a deal that God calls us saints?”

For centuries, the Church has answered that question by celebrating the Festival of All Saints. This week we get a peek at the saints who have died and now live in the glory of Christ’s light. Through the eyes of faith, we see the saints enjoying glory in the place where “there (is) no more death or sorrow or crying or pain” (Revelation 21:4). We realize what a precious gift this status of saint actually is. We understand that soon enough we shall join all the saints in that glorious heavenly city. And that gives us amazing stamina to face the challenges of this world with the strength Christ gives to all his saints.

The Service

Setting Four

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

881 "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus

res - ur - rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark
eye has yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges
lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less

sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long,
plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!

All a - round the clouds are break - ing; soon the
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it; there on
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on

storms of time shall cease; in God's like - ness we a -
high our wel - come waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it
faith; what joy un - known, when, a - mid earth's clos - ing



wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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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 $\dagger$ 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 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. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The score includes a double bar line after the first staff and another after the sixth staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

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, 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.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on'. The second staff continues with 'earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the'. The third staff continues with 'Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,'. The fourth staff continues with 'with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.'. The fifth staff begins with 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.'. The sixth staff ends with 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.' and a double bar line.

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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, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love 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

Children's Choir

883 v 1 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Behold a host, arrayed in white,
like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!

With palms they stand;

who is this band

before the throne of light?

These are the saints of glorious fame,

who from the great affliction came

and in the flood

of Jesus' blood

are cleansed from guilt and blame.

Now gathered in the holy place,

their voices they in worship raise;

their anthems rise

where God resides,

mid angels' songs of praise.

First Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

St. John is allowed to see the home of the saints, the new Jerusalem.

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. ² And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, “Look! God’s dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away.”

⁵ The one who was seated on the throne said to me, “Look, I am making everything new!” He also said, “Write, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And he said to me:

It is done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

To anyone who is thirsty,

I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

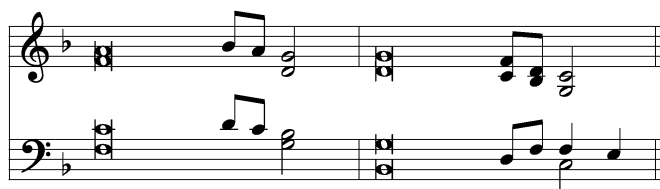
Psalm 149 B “Sing the LORD’s Praise in the Assembly”

The Church sings Psalm 149 in services that remember all of the believers in Jesus who have preceded us. The psalm encompasses the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant.

Refrain



Tone



**Sing to the LORD a / new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful / people.
Let Israel rejoice in their / Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad / in their King.
Let them praise his name with / dancing
and make music to him with tim- / brel and harp.**

Refrain

**For the LORD takes delight in his / people;
he crowns the humble with / victory.
Let his faithful people rejoice in this / honor
and sing for joy / on their beds.**

**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

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:32-40

For many Christians, their faith was the cause of pain and even death. They faced these troubles with amazing courage and stamina because they knew God has planned something better for his saints.

³² And what more should I say? There would not be enough time for me to continue to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. ³³ By faith they conquered kingdoms, carried out justice, obtained things that were promised, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, were made powerful after being weak, became mighty in battle, and caused foreign armies to flee. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. And others who were tortured did not accept their release, so that they may take part in a better resurrection. ³⁶ Still others experienced mocking and lashes, in addition to chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were tempted; they were killed with the sword; they went around in sheepskins and goatskins, needy, afflicted, and mistreated. ³⁸ The world was not worthy of them as they wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ All of these were commended in Scripture by faith, yet they did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ because God had planned something better for us, namely, that they would not reach the goal apart from us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

Gospel Acclamation

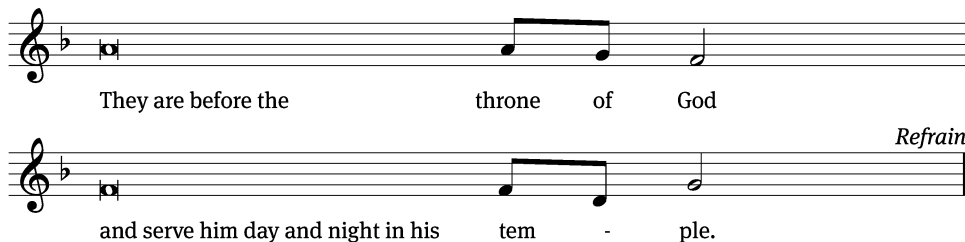
Revelation 7:15



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 6:20-23

Jesus teaches that the blessedness of being God's saint is currently hidden from sight. Yet, one day, that blessedness shall be revealed.

²⁰ He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor,
because yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you whenever people hate you,
and whenever they exclude and insult you
and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven!
The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

890 "Jerusalem the Golden"



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, all ju - bi - lant with song
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,
 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
 and bright with man - y an an - gel and all the mar - tyr throng.
 the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
 The Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
 And they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest;



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare.
 the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.
 for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white.
 you are with God the Fa - ther and Spir - it ev - er blest.

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Sermon

Revelation 21:1-6

"God Will Make Everything New"

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

Offerings

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 & Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Let us pray.

With grateful hearts, Lord, we remember before you this day that great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them, and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord, we remember before you this day the reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

Inspire us as we remember them, and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord, we remember before you this day your faithful followers of every age whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

Inspire us as we remember them, and grant us their resolve.

With grateful hearts, Lord, we remember before you this day those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence.

Inspire us as we remember them, and grant us their joy.

With grateful hearts, Lord, we remember before you this day our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us as we remember them, and grant us their reward.

With grateful hearts, Lord, we remember before you this day the members of Nain who were called home this past year. Thank you for washing them clean in Holy Baptism, teaching them your Word of truth, feeding them with your Son's body and blood in the Lord's Supper, preserving them in faith, and finally taking them safely to your side in heaven. We remember...

✝ Wendy Fairweather (January 9, 2025)

✝ Laverne Lewko (April 28, 2025)

✝ Helen Smith (October 18, 2025)

With grateful hearts, Lord, we also remember before you this day believers from other congregations who were brought to your side this past year, as well as believers from all places who were called to heavenly glory in previous years. We remember...

The pastor reads a list of names

A moment of silence is observed in memory of these saints

For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “because they will rest from their labors, for their works will follow them.” (Revelation 14:13)

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

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, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

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 pow-er, God of might.
Heav'n 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)

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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)

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It consists of eight lines of music. The first line is a short melodic phrase. The second and third lines form the first verse: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The fourth and fifth lines form the second verse: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The sixth and seventh lines form the third verse: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.' The eighth line is a short melodic phrase. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating long notes.

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. A - men.

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Please be seated

Distribution Hymn

882 "What Joy to Join the Chorus"



1 What joy to join the cho - rus, to look in Je - sus' eyes,
 2 What love will then be shown us when we with them ap - pear!
 3 There love - ly harps are sound - ing, up - rais - ing mu - sic's voice,
 4 There God shall from all e - vil for - ev - er make us free,



whose blood and suf - f'ring for us have o - pened par - a - dise,
 They will not blush to own us as broth - ers, sis - ters dear.
 and there, in bliss a - bound - ing, we shall in God re - joice.
 from sin and from the dev - il, from all ad - ver - si - ty,



where pa - tri - archs are sing - ing and proph - ets raise the cry,
 We all shall come be - fore him who for us man be - came,
 The an - gels shall a - dore him, all saints shall bring him praise,
 from sick - ness, pain, and sad - ness, from trou - bles, cares, and fears,



a - pos - tles, mar - tyrs bring - ing all praise to God Most High!
 as Lord and God a - dore him, and ev - er bless his name.
 and sing their hymns be - fore him for joy - ful, end - less days.
 and grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness and wipe a - way our tears.

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Distribution Hymn

880 "For All the Saints"



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold
 4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old and
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
 and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

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,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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

884 "Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See"



Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to
stand in joy be - side you.

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*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 worshipped 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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