

# ✚ THANKSGIVING 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.

# Thanksgiving Day

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*Season after Pentecost*

## ***The Time of the Church***

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Holy Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, our Triune God, and the Christian life.

*Thanksgiving Day*

## ***Salvation Has Come to Your House***

Jesus sought out Zacchaeus in the tree and invited himself into his heart and home. No sin is so evil, no guilt is so great as to turn away our Savior's seeking love. No matter what sins Zacchaeus committed in the past, the Lord God forgave him! "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10).

On this day of national thanksgiving, it is appropriate that we offer thanks to God for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains – all preserved for us by his almighty care and given from his gracious hand. Yet man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Thus, we thank God most of all for the Bread of Life of the gospel which nourishes our souls.

Through his Word, Jesus has sought you out and saved you just like he did with Zacchaeus. Through his Word, Jesus forgives you just like he did with Zacchaeus. Through his Word, salvation has come to your house just as it did with Zacchaeus! Therefore, in humble joy you welcome him and his presence in your lives just as Zacchaeus did. Having been fed in this Divine Service with the means of grace, you leave this house of worship bolstered in your faith, thankful for God's goodness, and eager to receive him in your hearts again and again!

# The Service

## Setting Four

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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

603 "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of  
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy  
3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O  
4 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, his cho - sen  
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and  
he is keep - ing; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning  
hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -  
gen - er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their  
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing  
shade his eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the  
deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my  
rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a  
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row  
king - dom of his might, all things are just and good and  
thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with  
moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his cho - sen  
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is



stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
right: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
me: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
band: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

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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.

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## Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*

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



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 Word

## Salutation

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield its increase; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Church Choir Anthem

*“We Praise You, O God”*

## First Reading

Genesis 8:13-22

*In faith, Noah expressed his gratitude for God’s undeserved love in preserving him and his family.*

<sup>13</sup> And so in the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth. Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked out. He saw that the surface of the ground was dry. <sup>14</sup> In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

<sup>15</sup> God spoke to Noah. He said, <sup>16</sup> “Go out of the ark—you, your wife, your sons, and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>17</sup> Bring out with you every living thing of every sort that is with you, all flesh, including birds, livestock, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may swarm over the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”

<sup>18</sup> Noah went out with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives along with him. <sup>19</sup> Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever swarms on the earth went out of the ship, species by species.

<sup>20</sup> Noah built an altar to the Lord and took from every clean animal and every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup> The Lord smelled the pleasant aroma. The Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse the soil anymore because of man, for the thoughts he forms in his heart are evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike every living thing, as I have done. <sup>22</sup> While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100 A “Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving”

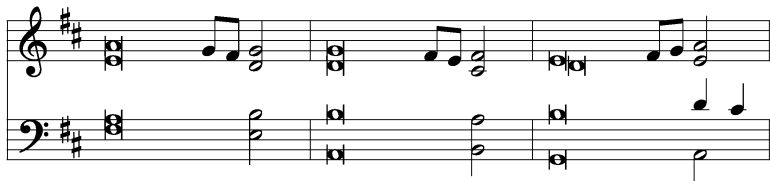
*The Church sings Psalm 100 in services that give thanks to God for his many blessings, especially the gospel and its ministers.*

*Refrain*



En - ter his gates with thanks-giv - ing.

*Tone*



**Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth.**

**Worship the LORD with / gladness;  
come before him with / joyful songs.**

**Know that the / LORD is God.**

**It is he who made us, and / we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his / pasture.**

*Refrain*

**Enter his gates with thanks- / giving  
and his / courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and / praise his name.**

**For the / LORD is good  
and his love endures for- / ever;  
his faithfulness continues through all gener- / ations.**

**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**

**James 1:16-18**

*The Holy Spirit enlightens us by the Word of truth to believe that all of God's gifts are all good and perfect because God is changeless. He also moves us to reflect God's love in our use of those gifts.*

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. <sup>18</sup> Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

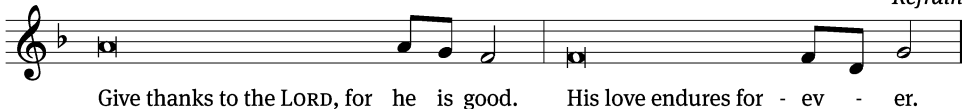
Psalm 136:1



### 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 19:1-10

*The grace that Jesus showed to Zacchaeus causes that tax collector to demonstrate the joy of his salvation.*

**19** Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but since he was short, he could not see because of the crowd. <sup>4</sup> He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was about to pass by that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup> He came down quickly and welcomed Jesus joyfully. <sup>7</sup> When the people saw it, they were all grumbling because he went to be a guest of a sinful man.

<sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I am going to give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Today, salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

597 "Now Thank We All Our God"



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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## Sermon

Luke 19:1-10

*"Salvation Has Come to Your House!"*

## 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

## Thanksgiving I

Let us pray.

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy.**

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

Thank you for the healing you bring when we are sick, the protection you send when we are in danger, and the comfort you offer when we are sad. Lead us to be thankful as we believe that in all things you work for the good of those who love you.

**Thank you for those who help and encourage us in difficult times.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

*Please stand*

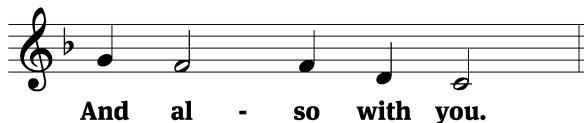
## The Sacrament

*Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices"*

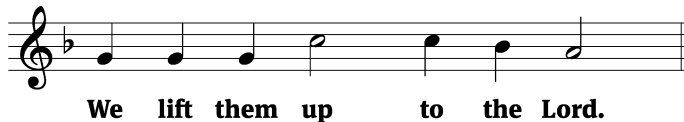
### Prefaces

*(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 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 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!

## 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)

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

507 "Let All Things Now Living"



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and



God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-phantly raise, who fash-ioned and  
sun in its or - bit o - be-dient-ly shine. The hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; his  
o - cean pro-claim him di - vine. We, too, should be voic-ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the  
love and re - joic-ing. With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us



night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -



ban-ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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## Distribution Hymn

508 "Sing to the Lord of the Harvest"



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.  
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



By him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease;  
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
he crowns the year with bless - ing, with plen - ty and with peace.  
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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## 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.*

## In Peace, Lord, You Let Your Servant (CW 968) *Nunc Dimittis*

(Luke 2:29-32)

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The melody is in G major, indicated by one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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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

509 “Feed Your Children, God Most Holy”

Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; com - fort sin - ners  
poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from heav - en, bless the  
food you here have giv - en. As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish,  
may our souls in grac - es flour - ish till with saints in  
heav'n - ly splen - dor at your feast due thanks we ren - der.

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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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