

# ✝ FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS ✝

December 28, 2025



**Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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## About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

### Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

### Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

### Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

### Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

### Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

# First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025



*Christmas*

## ***Christ the Savior Is Born***

“Silent Night” was written originally in German by Joseph Mohr, with music composed by Franz Gruber. The carol was first performed on Christmas Eve in 1818 at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria. Legend says the church organ was broken, prompting Gruber to compose a simple guitar accompaniment. Subsequently accompanied by many instruments and translated into many languages, the text paints the picture of the incarnation. The last phrase is repeated, so in the second stanza we hear it twice: “Christ the Savior is born!” Every word of that phrase is significant, and every line of the Christmas carol describes a Bible truth. We use the beloved hymn to ponder the profound message of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

*First Sunday after Christmas*

## ***Son of God***

Christmas holidays mean family time, often with extended family travel and visits. Meals are prepared, gifts are given, memories are made. But the memories might not all be good. Sometimes there are Christmas hurts or even tragedies. We live in a world still affected by sin.

In today’s Gospel, we hear about King Herod’s attempt to destroy the Son of God. In response to Herod’s edict and the angel of the Lord’s directive, Joseph took Jesus and Mary and fled to Egypt. God was in control. The Lord did not abandon the holy family. He delivered them.

It saddens us to hear that the other baby boys in and around Bethlehem died at the hand of the wicked king. At the same time, we are confident that nothing can rob us of the peace God brings us through his Son. Herod loved the darkness of sin and unbelief, so he tried to snuff out the Light. But the Light of the world will never be extinguished. Christ the Savior is born and continues to live, and through his life, God brings us into his family. He gives us the rights of redeemed sons and daughters, the privileges of an everlasting inheritance in heaven.

# 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

329 "All My Heart Again Rejoices"



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es as I hear  
2 Hear! The con - quer - or has spo - ken: "Now the foe,  
3 Should we fear our God's dis - plea - sure, who, to save,  
4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak - ing to the cross,



far and near sweet - est an - gel voic - es.  
sin and woe, death and hell are bro - ken!"  
free - ly gave his most pre - cious trea - sure?  
suf - f'ring loss, full a - tone - ment mak - ing.



"Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing till the air  
God is man, man to de - liv - er, and the Son  
To re - deem us he has giv - en his own Son  
For our life his own he ten - ders, and his grace



ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.  
now is one with our blood for - ev - er.  
from the throne of his might in heav - en.  
all our race fit for glo - ry ren - ders.

5 Softly from his lowly manger  
Jesus calls  
one and all,  
“You are safe from danger.  
Children, from the sins that grieve you  
you are freed;  
all you need  
I will surely give you.”

6 Come, then, banish all your sadness!  
One and all,  
great and small,  
come with songs of gladness;  
we shall live with him forever  
there on high  
in that joy  
which will vanish never.

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## Invocation

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

*Please stand*

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.**

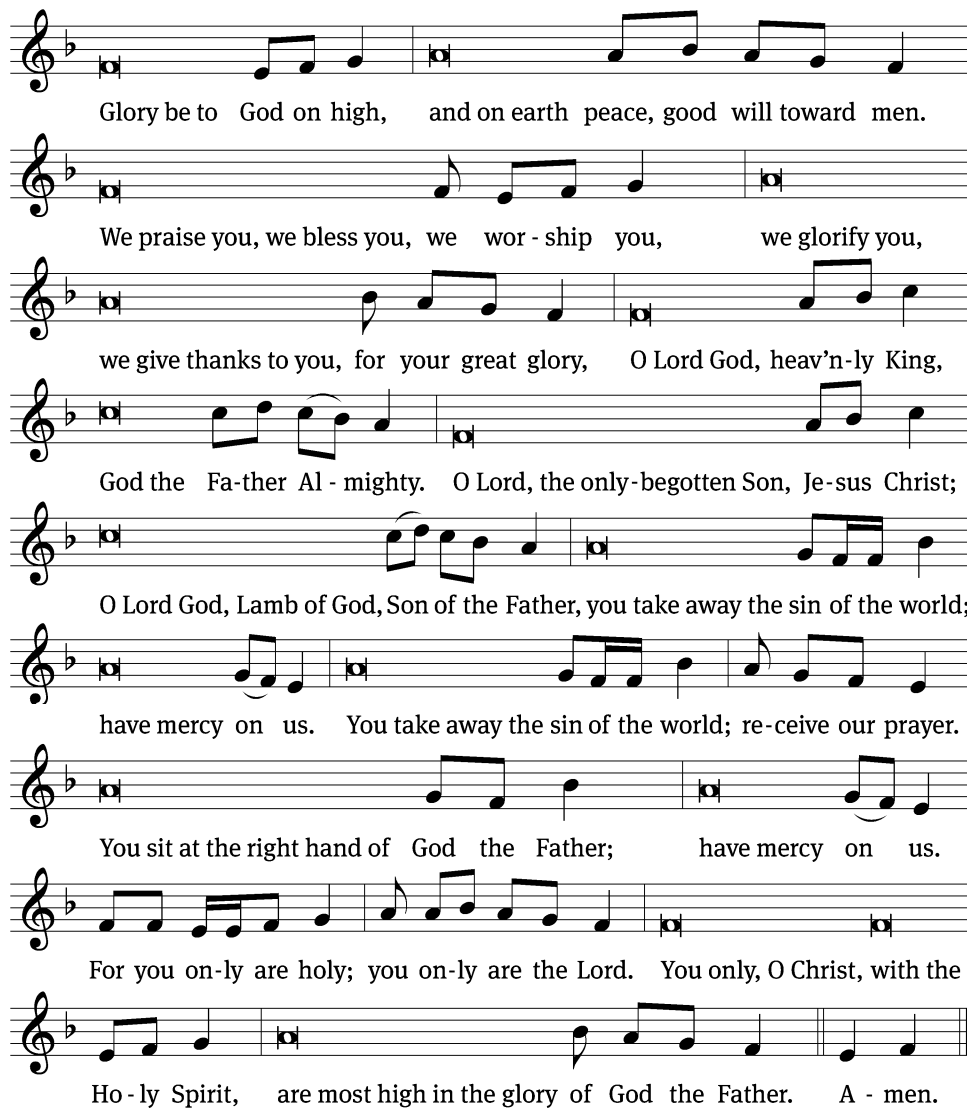
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

# Glory 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, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; 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

Isaiah 63:7-9

*The kindness of the Lord is seen in sending a Savior to redeem those who turn away from him.*

- 7 I will tell about the LORD's mercies,  
about the praises of the LORD,  
about all that the LORD has done for us,  
about his great goodness to the house of Israel,  
which he performed for them according to his abundant compassion,  
and according to his great mercy.
- 8 He said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely,"  
so he became their Savior.
- 9 In all their anguish he felt anguish,  
and the Angel of his Presence saved them.  
In his love and in his pity he himself redeemed them,  
and he took them up and carried them all the days of old.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

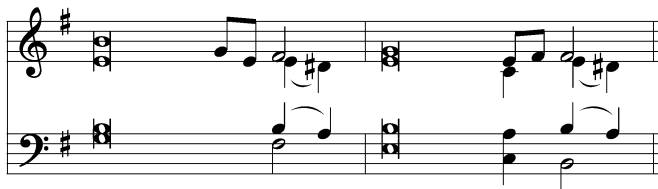
## Psalm 2 B “Why Do the Nations Conspire”

*The Church sings Psalm 2 in services that emphasize the relationship of the Father and the Son. The Son rules with the same authority as the Father even when government officials try to thwart God’s rule. The New Testament frequently quotes this psalm as applying to Christ, the Son of David.*

### Refrain



### Tone



Why do the nations / conspire  
and the peoples / plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the LORD  
and against his A- / nointed.

### Refrain

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;  
the Lord / scoffs at them.  
He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain.”

### Refrain

I will proclaim the / LORD’s decree:  
He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your / Father.”

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

Galatians 4:4-7

*Redeemed by God's true Son, we can call God our "Father."*

<sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, <sup>5</sup> in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, "Abba, Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

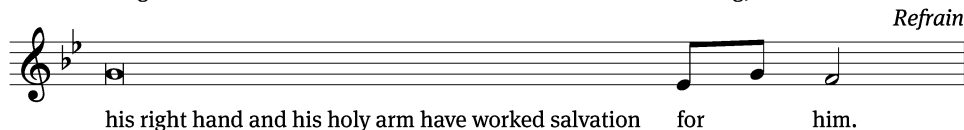
Psalms 98:1



*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

Matthew 2:13-23

*God saves his Son from an early death. God's plan was to save the world by having his Son die on the cross when the time had fully come.*

<sup>13</sup> After the Wise Men were gone, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, because Herod will search for the child in order to kill him."

<sup>14</sup> Joseph got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and left for Egypt. <sup>15</sup> He stayed there until the death of Herod. This happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Wise Men, he was furious. He issued orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding countryside, from two years old and under. This was in keeping with the exact time he had learned from the Wise Men. <sup>17</sup> Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children,  
and she refused to be comforted,  
because they are no more.

<sup>19</sup> After Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. The angel said, <sup>20</sup> "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to kill the child are dead."

<sup>21</sup> Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus, Herod's son, had succeeded his father as ruler in Judea, he was afraid to go there. Since he had been warned in a dream, he went to the region of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived there, he settled in a city called Nazareth. So what was spoken through the prophets was fulfilled: "He will be called a Nazarene."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore his  
 2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, is born an  
 3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine a ser - vant's  
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, puts on our



high - est throne; to - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain and  
 in - fant small, and in a man - ger, poor and lone, lies  
 form to take, in want and low - li - ness must pine who  
 hu - man frame, and in re - turn gives us his realm, his



gives us his own Son, and gives us his own Son.  
 in a hum - ble stall, lies in a hum - ble stall.  
 heav'n and earth did make, who heav'n and earth did make.  
 glo - ry, and his name, his glo - ry, and his name.

5 He serves that I a lord may be—  
 a great exchange indeed!  
 Could Jesus' love do more for me  
 to help me in my need,  
 to help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door  
 of paradise today.  
 The angel guards the gate no more;  
 to God our thanks we pay,  
 to God our thanks we pay.

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## Sermon

Matthew 2:13-23

"God Works All Things for Good"

## **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...

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

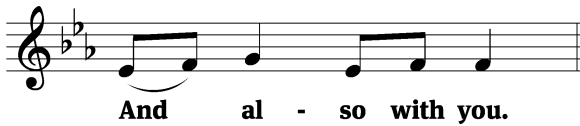
# The Sacrament

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

## Prefaces

*(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, by whose wonderful and mysterious birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love.

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.**

# Distribution Hymn

978 "All Hail! You Infant Martyr Flowers"



1 All hail! You in - fant mar - tyr flow'rs, cut off in  
 2 With ter - ror does the ty - rant hear that God's own  
 3 King Her - od ra - ges at the Word: "Go, sol - dier,  
 4 Oh, what is gained from this of - fense? What prof - it



life's first dawn - ing hours; like rose - buds, snapped in  
 Son to us draws near. On Da - vid's throne he  
 with your ruth - less sword, to him, who stands where  
 comes from vi - o - lence? The Sav - ior - King sur -



dread - ful strife, when Her - od sought our Sav - ior's life.  
 comes to dwell and reign as King of Is - ra - el.  
 we have stood, and stain the In - fant - crib with blood!"  
 vived the day, as Christ was safe - ly whisked a - way!

5 A voice is heard in bitter pain  
 as Rachel mourns the infants slain,  
 refusing comfort—sacred lore—  
 because her children are no more!

7 To you, the virgin-born, we raise  
 thanksgiving and eternal praise,  
 whom with the Father we adore  
 and Holy Spirit evermore.

6 Of you, O little lambs, we sing,  
 first victims slain for Christ our King:  
 beneath the heav'nly altar's ray  
 with martyr-palms and crowns you play!

# Distribution Hymn

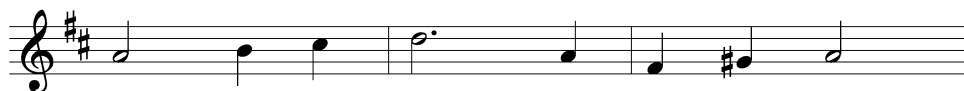
342 "O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is"



1 O Je - sus Christ, your man - ger is  
 2 He whom the sea and wind o - bey  
 3 Dear Chris - tian friend, on him de - pend;  
 4 Pon - der a - gain what glo - ry then  
 5 The world may hold her wealth and gold;



my par - a - dise at which I am re - clin - ing.  
 comes down to serve the sin - ner in great meek - ness.  
 be of good cheer and let no sor - row move you.  
 the Lord will give you for your earth - ly sad - ness.  
 but you, my heart, keep Christ as your true trea - sure.



For there, O Lord, we find the Word  
 Now God's own Son with us is one  
 For God's own Child in mer - cy mild  
 The an - gel host can nev - er boast  
 To him hold fast un - til at last



made flesh for us— your grace is bright - ly shin - ing.  
 and joins us and our chil - dren in our weak - ness.  
 joins you to him— how great - ly God must love you!  
 of great - er glo - ry, great - er bliss or glad - ness.  
 a crown is yours and hon - or in full mea - sure.

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## 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 in treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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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

352 stanzas 1, 4 "Joyed Has Dawned"



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—  
4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un-furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.  
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham-pion!



Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,  
What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.  
Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

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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 worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!*

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*All worshippers 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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