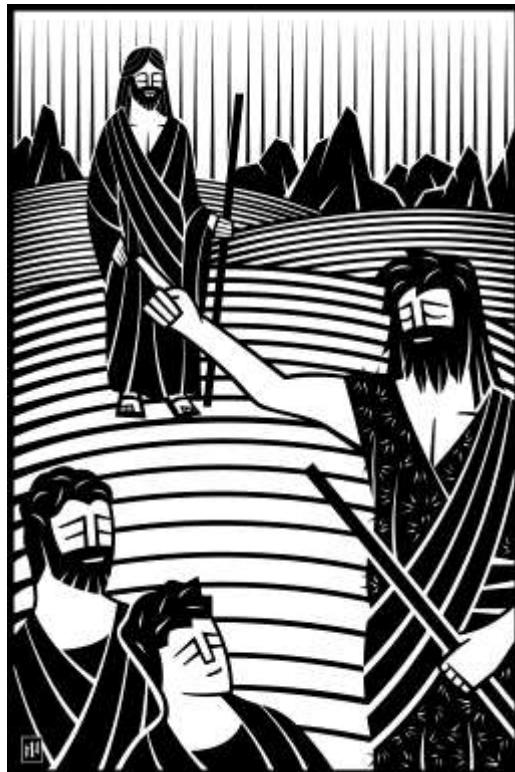


⊕ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ⊕

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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.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026



Epiphany **Identity Revealed**

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “to reveal.” During the season of Epiphany, we focus on when Jesus began his public ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. As we see Jesus reveal his true identity as the promised Christ and Savior of the world, God will lead us to realize our own true identity as his dear children.

Second Sunday after Epiphany **Jesus Is the Lamb of God**

For centuries the priests of Israel offered sacrifices to God because of their sins. Over and over, blood flowed, testifying that the penalty of sin was death. But over and over, a substitute stood in the place of the sinner. Countless animals died under the priestly knife as generations of the faithful brought lamb after lamb to the temple.

All of those sacrifices pointed ahead to one particular Lamb whom God would sacrifice to actually remove once and for all. He is Jesus, the Lamb of God who would die to take away the sin of the world. In the great act that would remove our condemnation, Jesus, the Promised Messiah, took our sins, stood in our place, and died as our substitute. This was the fulfillment of the entire sacrificial system. Every lamb and goat and bird pointed ahead to Jesus’ death on the cross as the full payment for sin.

Connected to Jesus by faith so we have the righteousness he came to give us, believers have a new perspective and a new motivation for living a Christian life. The believer who sees his Savior willingly becoming the Lamb to take away his sins cannot help but take this good news of salvation to the ends of the earth!

The Service

Setting One

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

380 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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Please stand

Invocation

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

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

(1 John 1:8-9; Luke 18:13)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

(*Psalm 51:1; Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13*)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



A - men.

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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, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-6

God would display his splendor by the suffering of the Servant of the LORD.

49 Listen to me, you coastlands.
Pay attention, you faraway peoples!
The LORD called me from the womb.
When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.
² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.
He hid me in the shadow of his hand.
He made me a polished arrow.
He concealed me in his quiver.
³ He said to me, "You are my servant Israel,
in whom I will display my glory."
⁴ But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain.
I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing.
Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD,
and my reward is with my God."

5 But now the LORD,
 who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
 to turn Jacob back to him,
 so that Israel might be gathered to him,
 so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD,
 because my God has been my strength—

6 the LORD said:
 It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant
 to raise up only the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel,
 so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,
 so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 40 A “*LORD, Come to My Aid*”

The Church sings Psalm 40 in services that commemorate Christ’s willing submission to the law and to death when he came into the world to be our Savior. It is a prayer for help in the midst of trouble.

Refrain

LORD, come to my aid; LORD, come to my aid.

Tone

I waited patiently / for the LORD;
 he turned to me and / heard my cry.
 Many, LORD my God, are the wonders / you have done;
 were I to tell of your deeds, they would be too many / to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did / not desire;
burnt offerings and sin offerings you did / not require.

Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—it is written about me / in the scroll.
I desire to do your will, my God; your law is with- / in my heart.”

Refrain

Do not withhold your mercy / from me, LORD;
may your love and faithfulness always pro- / tect me.
You are my help and my de- / liverer;
you are my God, do / not delay.

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

Colossians 2:6-15

The Lamb of God was flesh and blood so he could be sacrificed to win forgiveness of all our sins.

⁶Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. ⁹For all the fullness of God’s being dwells bodily in Christ. ¹⁰And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, ¹²when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

¹³ Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. ¹⁴ God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

Gospel Acclamation

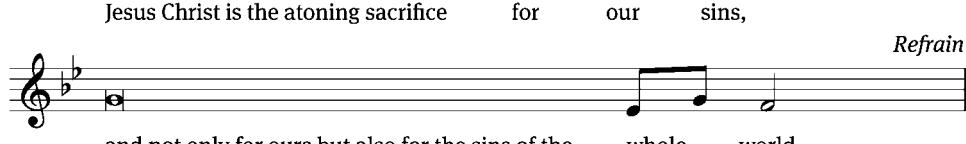
1 John 2:2



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

As the last and greatest of the prophets, John beautifully summarizes God's plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him the Lamb of God.

²⁹ The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel."

³² John also testified, "I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. ³³ I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵ The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸ When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ He told them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, "We have found the Messiah!" (which is translated "the Christ").

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

375 "Arise and Shine in Splendor"



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; let night to
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, the hea - then
3 Lift up your eyes in won - der— see, na - tions
4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness when from the



day sur - ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near.
na - tions dy - ing in hope - less gloom and night.
gath - er yon - der from sin to be set free.
realms of sad - ness they come from near and far.



A - bove, the day is beam - ing, in match-less beau - ty
To you the Lord of heav - en - your life, your hope - has
The world has heard your sto - ry; her sons come to your
Your eyes will wake from slum - ber as peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; the glo - ry of the Lord is here.
giv - en great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
glo - ry, her daugh - ters haste your light to see.
num - ber re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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Sermon

John 1:29-41

"Look, the Lamb of God!"

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

Sanctity of Life

Today is "Sanctity of Human Life Sunday." In our prayers, we thank God for the gift of all lives – both born and unborn, focus on God's call to love, serve, and protect them, and rejoice in God's grace that brings forgiveness of sin, spiritual life, and eternal salvation to all who believe in Jesus as their Savior.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, when you finished creating the universe and everything in it, you formed a man from the dust of the ground. You breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living being. From his own flesh and bones you created a fitting helper for him, and together Adam and Eve passed on life to countless human beings across the course of time.

Move us to marvel each day at the bodies you create.

The fall into sin destroyed the perfection of Eden, and life became a challenge from birth to death. Because of sin our bodies experience fatigue and pain, disease and injury, and the weakness of aging. We are often the victims of the sins of others, and sometimes, sadly, we cause others to endure discomfort and distress.

Help us to cope with the sad certainty that sin harms the bodies you create.

Strengthen our faith so that we manage our own lives wisely and carefully. Help us overcome habits that harm our bodies. Lead us to be cautious and keep us from taking unnecessary risks. Provide medical personnel and medicines that foster good health.

Give us wisdom to use the help that you provide.

Forgive us for the times when our actions or our failure to act have brought pain to others. Guide us to value all life and keep us from hurting or harming any of your creatures. Give us courage to defend those who are bullied by words or actions. Provide compassion to those who are wounded in body or mind.

Make us the kind of people others can trust and in whom they can find support.

In your wisdom, use us to care for the sick, the depressed, the young, and the aging. Lead us to pray for them and help them when we can. Grant healing and hope according to your gracious will.

Cause us to see the face of your Son in the faces of hurting people.

We implore you, Lord, to extend your love and power especially to children who cannot defend themselves. Spare them from being abused and abandoned. Provide safety and security. Lead people everywhere to value and protect the lives of the unborn whom you have created.

Let the light of faith move many more to seek an end to the tragedy of abortion.

Special prayers and intercessions

The Christian Church has traditionally marked January 18 as a day to remember the Confession of St. Peter. We will recognize this minor church year festival in our prayers today.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Eternal Father, sustain and protect the life of all people and provide them with a time of grace so they may learn to love the blessings of life with you.

In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

Musical notation for the Preface 'And also with you.' It consists of a single staff in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'And also with you.' are written below the staff.

Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the Preface 'We lift them up to the Lord.' It consists of a single staff in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'We lift them up to the Lord.' are written below the staff.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Musical notation for the Preface 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.' It consists of a single staff in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.' are written below the staff.

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

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 T 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 T 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*

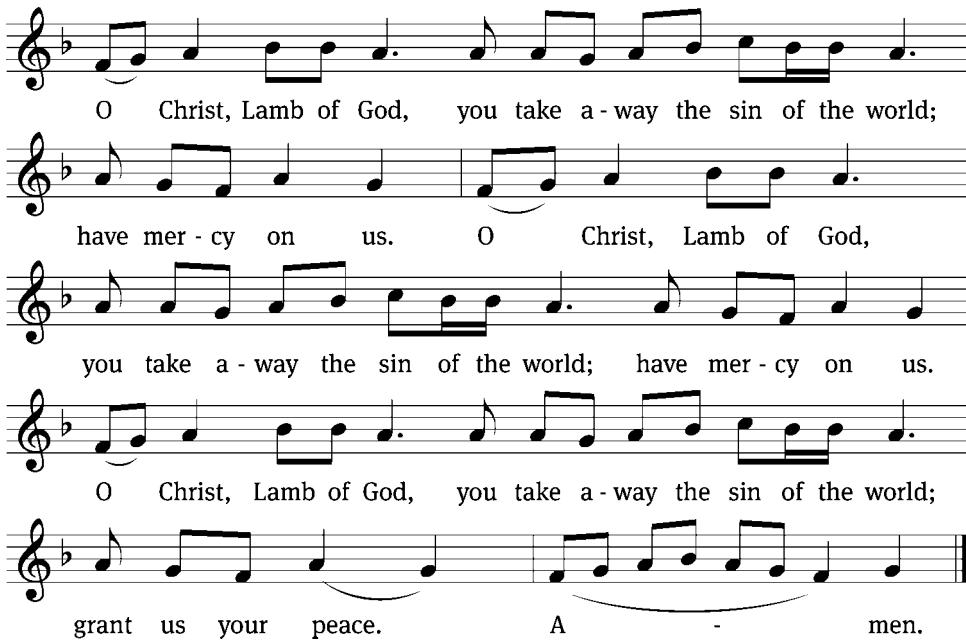
(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

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

525 "The Lamb"

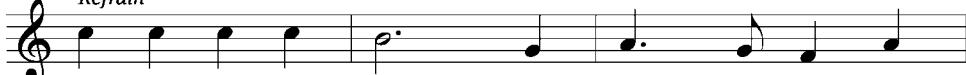


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
so still, his will, on our be - half the law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own right-eous - ness.
His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

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Distribution Hymn

530 "Praise Be to Christ"



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see the im - age of the
2 Praise be to him whose sov - reign sway and will up - holds cre -
3 Praise be to him who, Lord Most High, the full-ness of the



Fa - ther shown, the first-born Son re - vealed and known, the truth and a - tion's plan; who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan and when our God - head shares; and yet our hu - man na - ture bears, who came as



grace of de - i - ty; through whom cre - a - tion came to birth, world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head, man to bleed and die. And from his cross there flows our peace



whose fin - gers set the stars in place, the un - seen pow'rs, and re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, a - live, the first - born who chose for us the path he trod, that so might sins and



this small earth, the fur - thest bounds of time and space. from the dead, to reign as all - in - all su - preme. sor - rows cease and all be rec - on - ciled to God.

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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 Dimitis*

(Luke 2:29-32)

Please stand as the canticle is introduced

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.

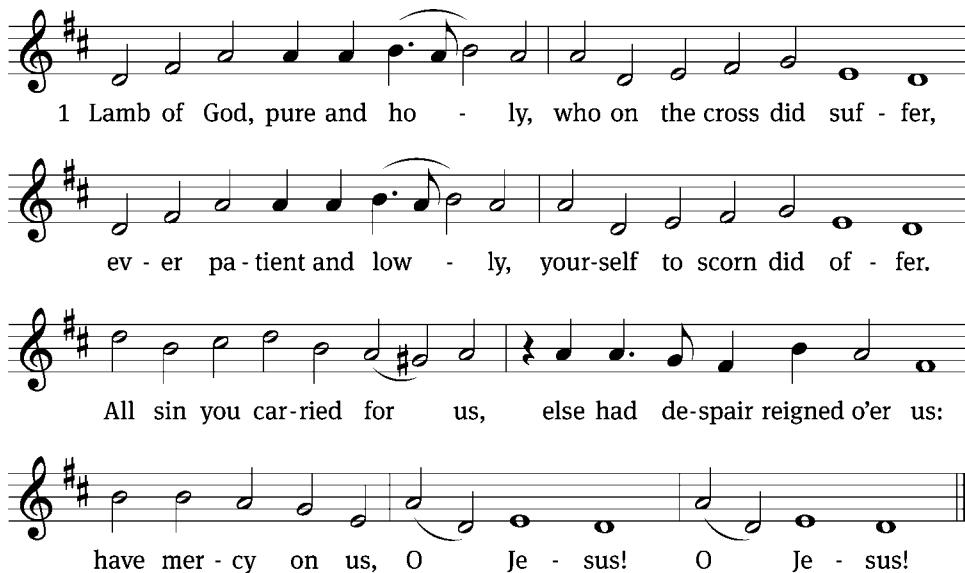
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn

947 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (stanza 1)



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.

All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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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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*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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