

✠ TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ✠

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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.

Last Sunday after Epiphany

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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.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Jesus Is the Son of God in Glory

Throughout his ministry Jesus said astounding things and did astounding things. Yet he looked like a normal man. That is because in addition to being true God, Jesus humbled himself to take on our flesh, that is, to be human. During his state of humiliation, Jesus didn’t make full use of his divine power and glory. So, most of the time, he appeared like everyone else. The prophet said, “He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him” (Isaiah 53:2).

This would all change one day atop a high mountain. There, Jesus gave his disciples a glimpse of the glory he set aside to be our Savior. And the voice of the Father thundered from the heavens, just as it did at Jesus’ baptism, announcing Jesus’ identity to the world – the glorious Son of God. What a sight! On the mount of transfiguration we see the God of Majestic Glory, who became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold!

The festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord serves as a one-week bridge between the season of Epiphany, where Jesus is revealed as the true Son of God, and the season of Lent, where we witness what the Son of God came to do.

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.

There will be no pre-service announcements.

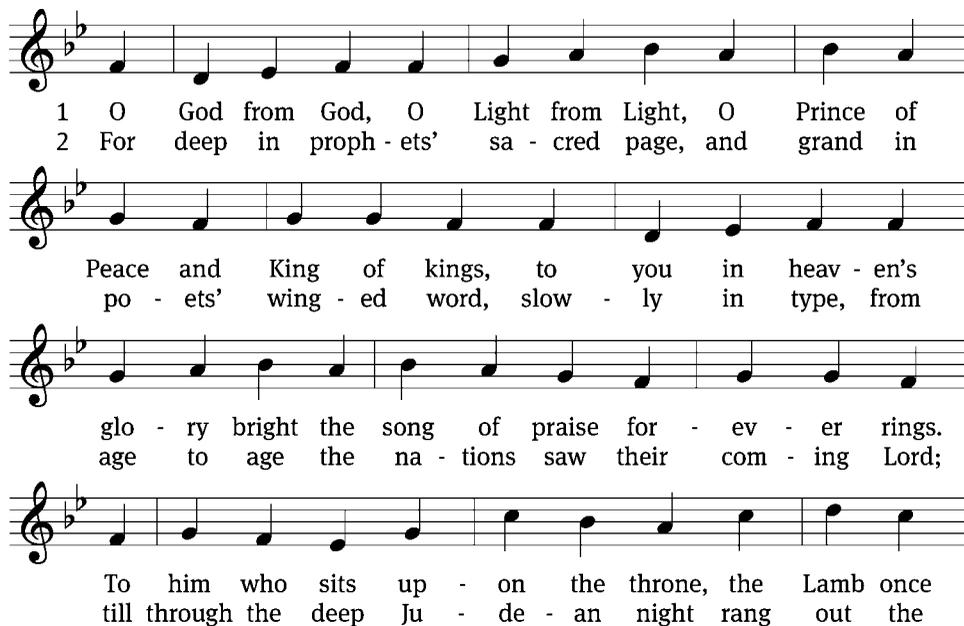
Our worship begins with the tolling of the bells, followed by the opening hymn.

The Preparation

Tolling of the Bells

Opening Hymn

629 "O God from God, O Light from Light"



1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of
2 For deep in proph - ets' sa - cred page, and grand in
Peace and King of kings, to you in heav - en's
po - ets' wing - ed word, slow - ly in type, from
glo - ry bright the song of praise for - ev - er rings.
age to age the na - tions saw their com - ing Lord;
To him who sits up - on the throne, the Lamb once
till through the deep Ju - de - an night rang out the

slain but raised a - gain, be all the glo - ry
 song, "Good will to men!" What an - gels sang in
 he has won, all thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
 heav'n - ly light re - ech - oes now, "Good will!" A - men.

Please stand for stanza 3 and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought to the chancel

3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, that death of
 pain mid hate and scorn— these all are past, and
 now a - bove he reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
 Lift up your heads, you heav'n - ly gates! So sang his
 hosts, un - heard by men. Lift up your heads, for
 you he waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.

Invocation

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

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

Amen.

Transfiguration Dialogue

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (*Isaiah 9:2, NIV*)

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.** (*Isaiah 60:1, NIV*)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. (*John 1:1,4, NIV*)

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.** (*John 1:5, NIV*)

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12, NIV*)

There he was transfigured before them.

His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. (*Mt 17:2, NIV*)

4 Then sing to Christ a might - y song; ex - tol his
name, his mer - cies tell! Sing, heav'n - ly hosts, your
praise pro - long, and all on earth, your an - them swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain! For - ev - er
let the song as - cend! To Christ the King, en -
throned to reign, all glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, 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.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Choir

522 "Beautiful Savior" (stanzas 1, 2)

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
 light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
 robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
 he makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

First Reading

Exodus 24:9-18

On Mount Sinai, Moses saw the glory of the Lord's law. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses would see the glory of the Lord's gospel.

⁹ Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰ They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. ¹¹ The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain. Wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, so that you can teach them."

¹³ Moses set out with his assistant Joshua and went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He said to the elders, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, here are Aaron and Hur. They will be with you. Whoever is involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵ Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The Glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. ¹⁷ The appearance of the Glory of the LORD looked like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered into the middle of the cloud and climbed up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 2 A “You Are My Son”

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.

The Congregation will sing the refrains and the “Glory be to the Father...”

The Cantor will sing the verses

Tone



Congregation: 
You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

Cantor: Why do the / nations rage?
Why do the peoples / plot in vain?
The kings of the earth take their stand
and the rulers assemble a- / gainst the LORD
and against his A- / noointed One.

Congregation: 
You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

Cantor: He who sits in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.
Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying,
“I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill.”

Congregation: 
You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

Cantor: I will declare the / LORD's decree:
He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be - / gotten you."

Congregation: **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.**

Congregation: 
You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

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Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

As an eyewitness to the majesty and glory of Jesus, St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith.

¹⁶ To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

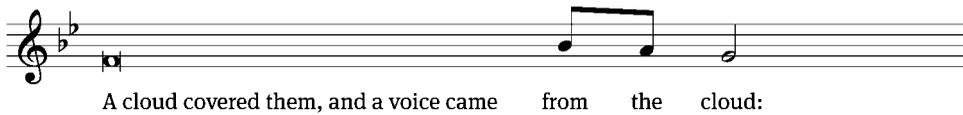
Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced



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 17:1-9

The glory of God, hidden in Christ, shines through on the Mount of Transfiguration.

1⁷ Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. ³Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. ⁷Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” ⁸When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry came Je - sus Christ, our Lord.
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, stood ra - diant in the light,
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the mount de - scend
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that is his fame
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won - drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word.
 light found in God - head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright.
 and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot - steps bend
 our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount—the hill of shame.
 and let the won - drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!



A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here;
 Then came a voice from heav - en, con - firmed what here we see;
 to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe,
 Up - on the cross he prof - fered him - self to ag - o - ny;
 The ho - ly mount ac - claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear.
 the words "my Son" were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty.
 to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know.
 his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free.
 Mount Cal - va - ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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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

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Always keep your people faithful to you. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in the Word and sacraments. During all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus. Keep us safe and protect us from the tricks and treachery of the devil. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that you move us to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us and to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that Christ reveals his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray especially for our families and those in our circle of friends who are sick or in need and for everyone whose needs we hold in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's sacrifice on the cross and give us hearts full of faith in him. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world.

Amen.

Please stand

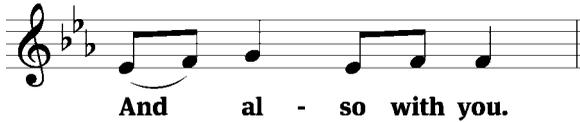
The Sacrament

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 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."

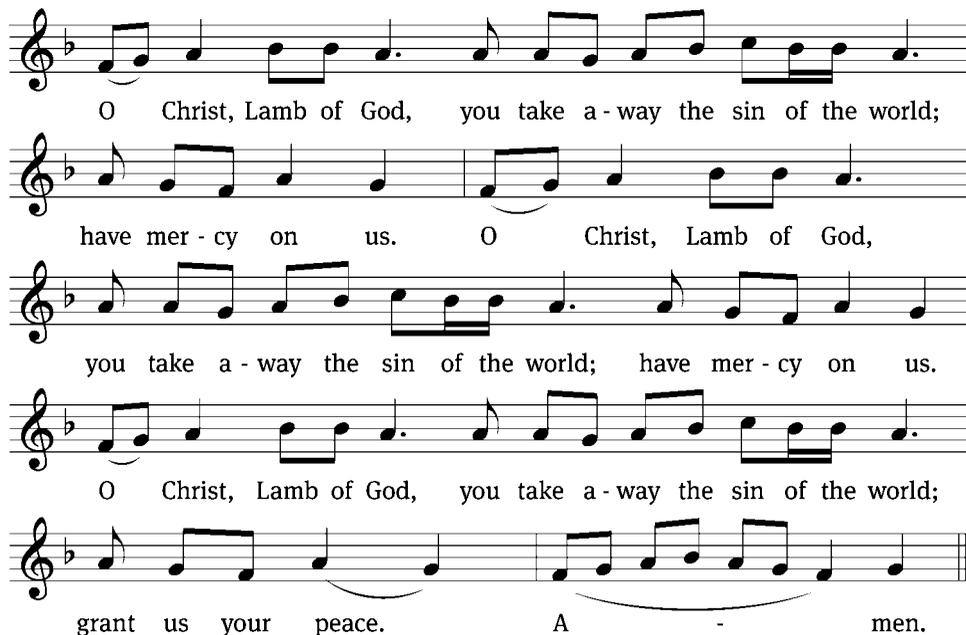
Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

(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 T in peace.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn

389 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,
3 Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.

- 5 But you, Lord, do not stay.
With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill to die—
our perfect substitute.
- 6 How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

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Distribution Hymn

390 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard, say with Pe - ter,



for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - 'ry - one; this is my be - lov - ed Son!"
 tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

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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.

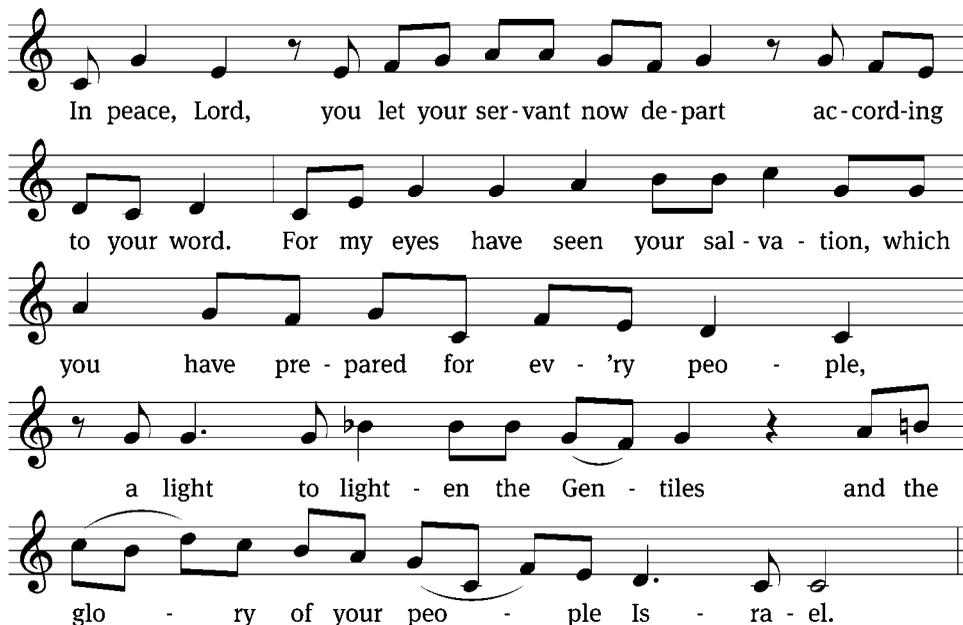
Children and Non-Communicants

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



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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Farewell to Alleluia

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return at our celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

Please remain standing for the first stanza of the closing hymn and direct your attention to the processional cross and "Alleluia" banner as they are brought out of the nave

Closing Hymn

977 "Alleluia, Song of Triumph"



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - dorned in
robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.

Please be seated

2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly
pure ac - cord, with Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
here be - low; al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty— as we look to your blest East - er,
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all his
make us for a while for - go. For the sol - emn
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday | February 18 | 4:00 & 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During the 40 days of Lent (which exclude Sundays), Christians prepare for the Savior's journey to the cross with humble repentance, acknowledging that it was our sins that sent Jesus to the cross to suffer and die.

The 7:00 pm service will be live streamed on Nain's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@nainlutheran

exactly what i need

“I didn't know I needed that” is a common expression of surprise and realization. It suggests that something, whether it's a piece of information, a lesson learned, or a newfound understanding, has come to light and is now recognized as being essential or valuable, even if it wasn't previously apparent.

Lent is the season of the Church Year when we recognize our greatest needs. During Lent, we realize that God knows what we need even when we don't have any idea, and that in Jesus Christ all our greatest needs are met! The Holy Spirit makes it clear, week after week, that if one lacks Christ, he has nothing. However, believers who possess Christ by faith can confidently proclaim, “I have exactly what I need.”

Lent & Holy Week Service Schedule

Ash Wednesday	February	18	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
First Sunday in Lent	February	22	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
Midweek of Lent 1	February	25	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
Second Sunday in Lent	March	1	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
Midweek of Lent 2	March	4	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
Third Sunday in Lent	March	8	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
Midweek of Lent 3	March	11	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
Fourth Sunday in Lent	March	15	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
Midweek of Lent 4	March	18	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
Fifth Sunday in Lent	March	22	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
Midweek of Lent 5	March	25	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
Passion Sunday	March	29	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
Holy Thursday	April	2	Thursday	- - -	7:00 pm
Good Friday	April	3	Friday	- - -	7:00 pm
Holy Saturday	April	4	Saturday	- - -	7:00 pm
Easter Sunday (Dawn)	April	5	Sunday	- - -	6:30 am
Easter Sunday (Day)	April	5	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am



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!

Special thanks to:

Rachel Cordes for playing organ... Lois Buske for serving as cantor...
the Sunday School students of the Children's Choir for singing, and Peter Hermanson for directing them...
Aaron Palmer for serving as crucifer and distribution assistant... Luther Schmeling for serving as usher...
Ben Leyrer for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream... and Ashley Leyrer for serving on Altar Duty.

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.

Nain is a member congregation of the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**

For more information about our synod, please visit its website: www.wels.net



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