

✝ ASH WEDNESDAY ✝

February 18, 2026

YOU ARE  
DUST  
AND TO  
DUST  
YOU SHALL  
RETURN



**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 Day of Lent Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026



*Lent*

## ***Exactly What I Need***

Mankind's greatest problems are universal. All people struggle with the frailty of their human nature and live under the curse of sin. That sin separates us from God. Left in our sinful state, we would remain helpless and hopeless, doomed to death, and separated from God forever.

Lent is the season of the Church Year when we recognize our greatest needs: grace, mercy, and peace; forgiveness, life, and eternal salvation in heaven. The good news of Lent is that God knows these needs and meets them in Jesus Christ. If one lacks Christ, he has nothing. However, believers who possess Christ by faith can declare, "I have exactly what I need."

*Ash Wednesday*

## ***Forgiveness***

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, during which we remember our sins and mortality and heed God's call to repent. The name for this festival comes from the ancient practice of placing ashes in the form of a cross on the forehead of worshippers to remind them that they are dust, and to dust they will return.

Moved by the Holy Spirit's working on our hearts through the proclamation of God's holy law, we realize the trouble we are in, recognize our sinfulness, and admit our guilt. Fully aware of these facts, we realize that what we need most from God is forgiveness. Therefore, we humbly fall before God and plead for him to pardon us. The good news is that God has heard our cries for mercy. He has sent us a Savior – Jesus Christ – to live perfectly in our place, suffer the punishment we deserve because of our sins, conquer death, and give us complete forgiveness!



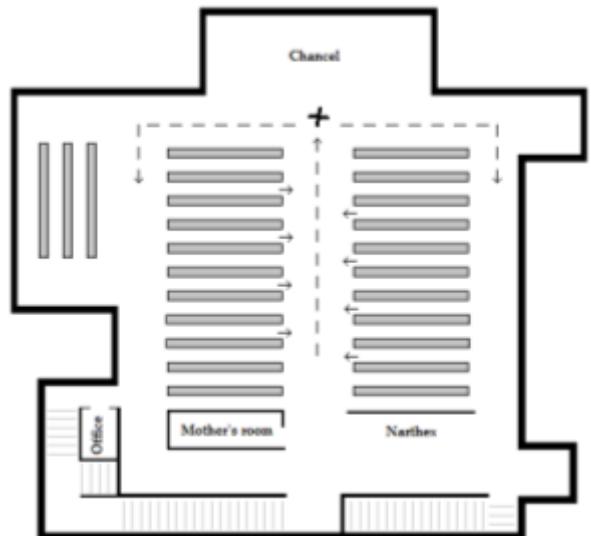
## Instructions for the Imposition of Ashes

The Imposition of Ashes is intended to serve as a sign of Christ-centered repentance. The use of ashes proclaims God's holy law in a dramatic way. Ashes are a visual reminder that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), and that death means our bodies will return to the dust from which Adam was made (Genesis 3:19). The use of ashes also proclaims God's holy gospel. The form of the cross reminds us that because Christ gave his holy life as a sacrifice to pay for our sins, our guilt has been removed, we are made righteous in God's sight, and we are united to our living-Lord Jesus Christ through faith.

**Participation:** Taking part in this rite is voluntary; worshippers will not be required or expected to participate. Those who do not wish to receive ashes may remain seated in their pews.

**Instructions:** Those who wish to receive ashes will be ushered up to the chancel single file where Pastor will use ashes to draw a cross on their forehead (or the back of their hand) while saying, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (cf. Genesis 3:19). After receiving the ashes, participants will walk back to their pew using the side aisles (see the map below).

- Participants who want the ashes placed on their forehead are asked to simply step forward in front of pastor. If they have bangs, they are asked to move them out of the way of their forehead.
- Participants who want the ashes placed on the back of their hand are asked to extend that hand toward pastor.
- Parents who bring their children with them are asked to somehow make it clear if they *do not want them* to receive ashes. Otherwise, pastor will assume that they do and place ashes on their forehead.



# The Service

## Setting One

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**Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!**

*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 music or announcements. Please remain silent as you prepare for worship.*

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

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## The Preparation

### Tolling of the Bells

### Opening Hymn

982 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"



1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, a trem - bling  
2 I bow my head by sin dis - tressed, with deep and  
3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes nor dare up -  
4 No gifts, no deeds that I have done can for a  
5 And when, re - deemed from sin and hell, with all the



sin - ner, Lord, I cry. Your par - d'ning grace is  
pain - ful guilt op - pressed, the cross of Christ my  
lift them to the skies, but you can all my  
sin - gle sin a - tone. To Cal - va - ry a -  
ran - somed souls I dwell, my joy - ous song shall



rich and free— O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
on - ly plea— O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
an - guish see— O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
lone I flee— O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
ev - er be: God has been mer - ci - ful to me!

## 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.**

## Introduction to Confession

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in fellowship with him, to love all people, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

During the forty days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

Let us confess our sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit ourselves to this struggle.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## Confession

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

Most holy and merciful Father,  
**We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault,  
by our own grievous fault  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.  
We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have placed our wants before your will.  
We have gratified the desires of our sinful nature.  
We have merited your punishment now and forever.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness.  
The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives

**We confess to you, O Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,  
our manipulation of other people,  
our anger when our selfish aims are denied,  
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves

**We confess to you, O Lord.**

Our love of worldly goods and comforts,  
our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
our negligence in worship and prayer,  
and our failure to show the faith that is in us

**We confess to you, O Lord.**

Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done.  
For our blindness to human need and suffering  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Forgive us, Lord.**

For all false judgments,  
for uncharitable thoughts toward others,  
and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,

**Forgive us, Lord.**

For what we think or say or do that is at variance with your will,

**Forgive us, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

## Imposition of Ashes

(Genesis 3:19; 18:27; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21)

*Before participating, please read the "Instructions for the Imposition of Ashes" on the fourth page of this bulletin.*

*Those who desire to receive the sign of ashes may walk up to the chancel one at a time.*

*The pastor will apply ashes to the forehead or hand of each person in the form of a small cross, and say:*

**"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."**

*After all who desire to receive ashes have done so, the pastor says:*

Accomplish in us, Lord, the work of your salvation  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and suffering of your Son,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Please stand*

## Absolution

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

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. He sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins and 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; 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*

## Hymn

## 658 "With All My Heart I Praise You, Lord" (stanzas 1, 2)



1 With all my heart I praise you, Lord, that in your  
2 When I confess my sin and shame, peace and for -



Son you saved me. You saw in me what you de-plored;  
give - ness seek - ing, you grant me par - don in your name



my grievous sin en - slaved me. Yet, Lord, you paid  
be - fore I've fin - ished speak - ing! In love you lis -



the high - est price, Je - sus' a - ton - ing sac - ri - fice,  
ten care - ful - ly to all our sighs of mis - er - y,



that you might ev - er own me. Were I to bless  
our ev - 'ry need ad - dress - ing. Our guilt should make



you all my days, it would be in - suf - fi - cient praise  
you turn a - way; in - stead you turn toward us and say:



for kind - ness you have shown me.  
"Re - ceive my gra - cious bless - ing."

# The Word

## First Reading

Isaiah 59:12-20

*True humility comes from understanding the multitude of our offenses. True faith looks to the Redeemer who will come to the penitent.*

- <sup>12</sup> Yes, our rebellious deeds are many before you,  
and our sins testify against us.  
Our rebellious deeds are with us,  
and as for our guilty deeds, we are aware of them.
- <sup>13</sup> Those deeds are rebellion and treachery against the LORD.  
We turn back from following our God.  
We incite oppression and apostasy.  
We conceive and mutter deceitful words from our hearts.
- <sup>14</sup> Justice is turned back,  
and righteousness stands far away,  
for truth stumbles in the city square,  
and honesty cannot enter it.
- <sup>15</sup> The truth is missing,  
and anyone who turns from evil makes himself prey.  
The LORD looked and saw something evil—  
there was no justice.
- <sup>16</sup> He saw that there was no one.  
He was appalled that there was no one who could intervene.  
So his own arm worked salvation for him,  
and his own righteousness supported him.
- <sup>17</sup> He clothed himself with righteousness like armor  
and wore a helmet of salvation on his head.  
He dressed in garments for vengeance,  
and he wrapped himself with zeal like a cloak.
- <sup>18</sup> He will repay in full what they have earned,  
namely, wrath to his foes and full payment to his enemies.  
He will repay even the distant coastlands.

<sup>19</sup> From the west they will fear the LORD's name,  
and from the rising of the sun they will fear his glory,  
for he will come like a raging river,  
driven by the Spirit of the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> Then a redeemer will come for Zion  
and for those in Jacob who turn from rebellion.  
This is the declaration of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51 A “Be Merciful, O Lord”

*Psalm 51 is the fourth of the seven penitential psalms. The Church sings Psalm 51 in services that emphasize repentance, both contrition and faith.*

### Refrain



### Tone

Have mercy on / me, O God,  
according to your un- / failing love;  
according to your great com- / passion  
blot out my trans- / gressions.

Wash away all my in- / iquity  
and cleanse me / from my sin.  
For I know my trans- / gressions,  
and my sin is always be- / fore me.

### Refrain

Against you, you only, / have I sinned  
and done what is evil / in your sight.  
Surely I was sin- / ful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother con- / ceived me.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I / will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whit- / er than snow.  
Hide your face / from my sins  
and blot out all my in- / iquity.

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

2 Corinthians 7:8-13a

*St. Paul teaches the blessing of godly sorrow that flows from a wholly humbled heart.*

<sup>8</sup> For even if I caused you sorrow with my letter, I do not regret it (even though I did regret it, for I see that my letter caused you sorrow—yet only for a little while). <sup>9</sup> Now I rejoice, not because you were made to feel sorrow, but because this sorrow resulted in repentance. Yes, you were made sorry in a godly way. So you were not harmed in any way by us. <sup>10</sup> In fact, godly sorrow produces repentance, which leads to salvation, leaving no regret. On the other hand, worldly sorrow produces death.

<sup>11</sup> Yes, look what godly sorrow produced in you: what diligence, what eagerness to clear yourself, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what correction! In every way you proved yourselves to be pure in this matter. <sup>12</sup> So although I wrote to you, it was not because of the one who did what was wrong, or because of the one who was harmed by it. I wrote instead so that your genuine concern for us would be revealed to you in the sight of God. <sup>13</sup> For that reason we have been comforted.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

Joel 2:13

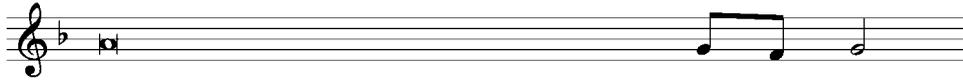


### Refrain



Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

### Tone



Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and com - pas - sion - ate,

### Refrain



slow to anger and abound - ing in love.

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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 6:1-6,16-21

*Jesus warns that pious looking actions done in hope of being praised by others will not receive commendation from the Heavenly Father. True piety is born of humility.*

**6** “Be careful that you do not do your righteous works in front of people, so that they will notice. If you do, you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup> So whenever you perform acts of mercy, do not sound a trumpet for yourself, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets to be praised by people. Amen I tell you: They have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> Instead, when you perform acts of mercy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. <sup>4</sup> Then your acts of mercy will be in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> “Whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites. They love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by people. Amen I tell you: They have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your private room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what others cannot see, will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> “Whenever you fast, do not make yourself look sad like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces to show everyone that they are fasting. Amen I tell you: They have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that it is not apparent to people that you are fasting, but only to your Father who sees what is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> Because where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

# Hymn of the Day

# 650 "From Depths of Woe, Lord God, I Cry"



1 From depths of woe, Lord God, I cry; O hear my  
 2 What we have done on our best day is flawed from  
 3 Thus an - y mer - it of my own is void and  
 4 If it de - lays in - to the night or waits un -  
 5 Al - though our sin is great in - deed, the grace of



hum - ble plead - ing! Lis - ten in mer - cy to my sigh,  
 its be - gin - ning; on - ly your grace can clear a - way  
 un - a - vail - ing; I trust in God and God a - lone,  
 til to - mor - row, my heart will lean on God's great might,  
 God is great - er; no loss we suf - fer can ex - ceed



my prayer for res - cue heed - ing! Were you, O  
 the guilt of all our sin - ning. Be - fore you  
 he is my hope un - fail - ing. Since he is  
 dis - card - ing doubt and sor - row. The Spir - it  
 the help of our Cre - a - tor. Our shep - herd



Lord, to fix your gaze on our re - bel - lious,  
 pride must dis - ap - pear; each soul must live in  
 good, I soon will see the com - fort he has  
 of the Lord is near, pro - vid - ing strength to  
 good and true is he, who will at last his



sin - ful ways, then who could stand be - fore you?  
 rev - 'rent fear, up - on your grace re - ly - ing.  
 prom - ised me; I wait for its ar - ri - val.  
 per - se - vere; de - pend on God to help you!  
 peo - ple free from all their sin and sor - row.

## Sermon

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

*“Humble Hearts and Humble Hands”*

## 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**

Ash Wednesday

Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. Let us pray for the people of God that, through repentance and faith in the gospel, they may remain secure in his love.

Lord God, gracious Father, we thank you for setting your Son's sacrifice between us and sin's reward. By your Spirit work in us through the gospel, give us repentant hearts, make our faith firm in Christ, and enliven us to serve you faithfully.

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unending love.**

Lord God, almighty Father, renew your Church throughout the world that it may constantly look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Bless us with faithful ministers who always proclaim Christ's cross and resurrection for the salvation of the world.

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.**

Lord God, loving Father, in your mercy you abundantly supply our needs of body and soul. Create in us the mind of Christ, that in humility and generosity—considering not only our own interests, but also the interests of others—we may be merciful to those in need. Direct our efforts to help poor, lonely, troubled, and ill people.

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, comfort all who are mourning the death of people they loved. Lift their eyes to the cross where your Son defeated death and to the empty tomb where he assured us that we will live with him forever. Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, look with favor upon all sick, injured, and recovering people. If it be your will deliver them from their infirmities. Let them hear of your unfailing love.

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Lord God, eternal Father, we praise you that you have delivered the Christian souls who have gone before us from this world of dust and ashes to paradise. As their prayers continually ascend before your throne, join our prayers to theirs as fragrant incense. Hear us for the sake of him who was crucified for us and always intercedes on our behalf, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please stand*

# The Sacrament

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

## Prefaces

*(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)*

The Lord be with you.



**And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

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."

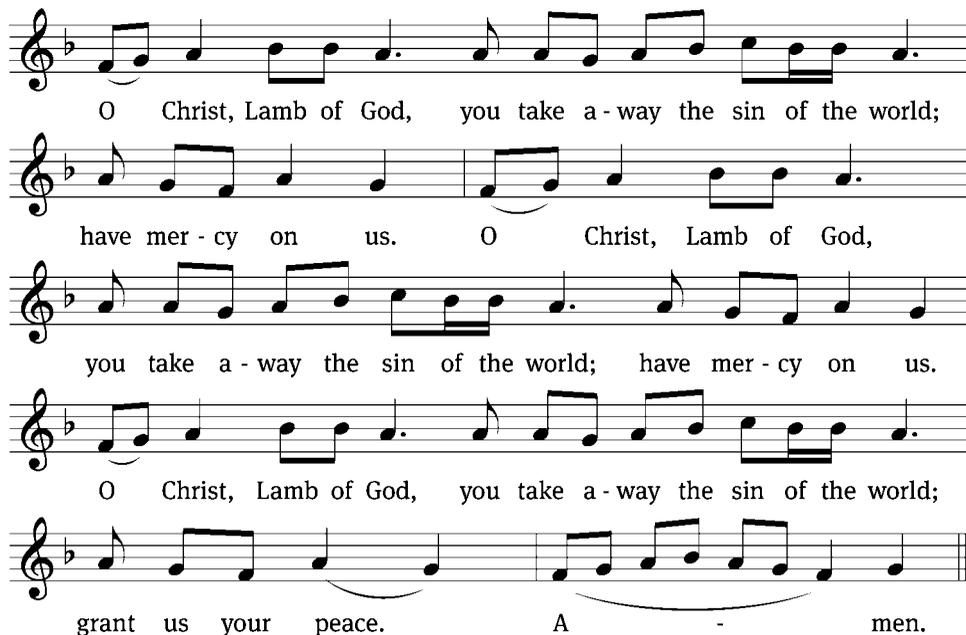
## Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

(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

655 "Before You, God, the Judge of All"



1 Be - fore you, God, the judge of all, with grief and shame I  
2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: O cast me not in  
3 O Je - sus, let your pre-cious blood be to my soul a



hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,  
wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,



my sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
but let him draw to you my heart that tru - ly  
but grant that jus - ti - fied I may go to my



sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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# Distribution Hymn

663 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (stanzas 1, 3, 6, 8)



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther  
 6 Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, you have  
 8 Je - sus, Lord of life in heav - en, help me



hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of  
 left your throne in heav - en on the cross for me to  
 when this meal is giv - en to re - ceive it for my



splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 lan - guish and to die in bit - ter an - guish,  
 bless - ing as I come, my sins con - fess - ing.



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed has this won - drous  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, naught would buy the  
 to for - go all joy and glad - ness and to shed your  
 In this sup - per let me mea - sure, Lord, how deep is



sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 blood in sad - ness. By this blood re - deemed and  
 your love's trea - sure, that, as I on earth have



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.  
 liv - ing, Lord, I praise you with thanks - giv - ing.  
 eat - en, I may be your guest in heav - en.

## 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.*

## Hymn

## 658 "With All My Heart I Praise You, Lord" (stanza 3)

*Please stand as the hymn is introduced*

3 Lord, I re - joice to be your guest, at your rich  
ta - ble feed - ing, there, by your mer - cy, find - ing rest  
and all my soul is need - ing. Let your good Spir -  
it work with - in to show that all my wretch - ed sin  
has tru - ly been for - giv - en. Thus, well pre - pared,  
Lord, I be - lieve that in your sup - per I re - ceive  
life, par - don, peace, and heav - en.

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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.**

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

657 "Baptismal Waters Cover Me" (stanzas 1, 2, 5)



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me as I ap -  
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, his bod - y  
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; my Fa - ther's mer - cy  
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore him  
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, for griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
all my sin, my dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
strong em - brace, with joy I praise him for his grace.

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***There will not be any post-service music or announcements.***

***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.***

***You will not be ushered out. You may depart any time after the closing hymn.***

***Please refrain from conversation until after you have departed the church building so those who wish to remain in church to pray and meditate may do so in silence.***

***Pastor Berg will be available in the narthex shortly after the service if you would like to speak with him.***

***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 today's "**About the Propers**," a document that explains the changeable parts of the service.*

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# exactly what i need

Mankind's greatest problems are universal. All people struggle with the frailty of their human nature and live under the curse of sin. That sin separates us from God. Left in our sinful state, we would remain helpless and hopeless, doomed to death, and separated from God forever.

Lent is the season of the Church Year when we recognize our greatest needs: grace, mercy, and peace; forgiveness, life, and eternal salvation in heaven. The good news of Lent is that God knows these needs and meets them in Jesus Christ. If one lacks Christ, he has nothing. However, believers who possess Christ by faith can confidently declare, "I have exactly what I need."

## Lent & Holy Week Service Schedule

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