

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

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**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.

# Misericordias Domini

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*Easter*

### ***What Difference Does It Make?***

Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus claimed he would rise from the dead. “The Son of Man must suffer many things . . . be killed and after three days rise again” (Mark 8:31). So if Jesus remains dead, he is both a failure and a fraud. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin. But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And that makes all the difference in the world! Jesus lives! The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

*Third Sunday of Easter*

### ***He Lives to Restore My Hope***

The Third Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as “Misericordias Domini” Sunday. The Sunday derives its name from the Latin words of the Introit of the day (i.e. the opening verses): “The mercy (*miseri*cordias) of the LORD (*Domini*) fills the earth” (Psalm 33:5b).

Without the resurrection of Jesus, we would have little hope for the future. That’s how the disciples felt after this death. “We were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel,” they said. Their hope for a better life seemed to die along with Jesus. They let their personal wants and expectations cloud their view of Scripture which said that the Messiah would rise from the dead. So, Jesus appeared to his disciples. He explained. He opened their minds to the truth of God’s Word. And in doing so, he restored their hope.

There is little worse than a feeling of hopelessness. Christ’s disciples have victory over that feeling, because the one who heals us and gives us a better life is himself alive. Jesus died, but he is dead no longer. He lives, never to die again! And that makes all the difference! Jesus lives to restore my hope.

# The Service

## Setting Four

**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

460 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
see the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,  
al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

## Invocation

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

*Please stand*

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.**

# 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.**

# Song of Praise

938 "This Is the Feast" (stanzas 1-3)


The hymn will be sung like so:

**Refrain** (with no introduction) ..... **Stanzas 1-3** (with no refrain in between them) ..... **Final Refrain**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!



1 † Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



blood set us free— to be peo-ple of God.  
hon-or,— bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

# 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, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 32-41

*The message of Christ crucified and risen gives the certain hope of forgiveness to sinners.*

<sup>14a</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. <sup>33</sup> So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing.

<sup>34</sup> “For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says:

The Lord said to my Lord,  
‘Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies  
a footstool under your feet.’

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter answered them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, “Escape from this crooked generation.”

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 116 B “I Will Walk in the Presence of the LORD”

*The Church sings Psalm 116 in services that celebrate the Lord delivering us from death. Since the psalm was commonly sung at Passover, it came to be associated with Holy Communion.*

### Refrain



I will walk in the pres - ence of the LORD,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

### Tone



**I love the LORD, for he / heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for / mercy.  
Because he turned his / ear to me,  
I will call on him as long / as I live.**

**The LORD is gracious and / righteous;  
when I was brought low, he / saved me.**

*Refrain*

**What shall I return / to the LORD  
for all his good- / ness to me?  
I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation  
and call on the name / of the LORD.  
Precious in the sight / of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful / servants.**

**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**

**1 Peter 1:17-21**

*Our hope is to one day join our Savior in the glory of heaven. Until that day, we live in this world as strangers who are focused on going to our true home.*

<sup>17</sup> If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, <sup>18</sup> because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:32

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*



*Refrain*



him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. <sup>23</sup> When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?”

<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over.”

So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. <sup>31</sup> Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

459 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Again"



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken  
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en -  
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -  
4 He whose path no rec - ords tell has de - scend - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,  
dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.  
on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,  
in - to hell; he the strong man armed has bound



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
We too sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
and in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave  
is exalted now to save;  
now through Christendom it rings  
that the Lamb is King of kings.  
Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may be restored,  
how the penitent forgiv'n,  
how we, too, may enter heav'n.  
Hallelujah!

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## Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Sermon

Luke 24:13-35

"Many Convincing Proofs"

**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

Easter II

Let us pray...

*Special prayers and intercessions*

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked April 25 as a day to remember God's work through St. Mark, Evangelist. We will recognize this minor church year festival in our prayers today.*

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

# The Sacrament

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

## Prefaces

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

The Lord be with you.



**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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution *Verba*

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my 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)

The musical score is written on a grand staff with a treble clef and a common time signature. It consists of seven systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics underneath and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." This phrase is repeated in the first three systems. The fourth system repeats the same phrase. The fifth system has the lyrics "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace." The sixth system has the lyrics "A - men. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.  
A - men. A - men.

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*Please be seated*

# Distribution Hymn

444 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er  
 2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne high o'er heav'n and  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well noth - ing me from  
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death but the gate to



can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 earth is giv - en. I shall go where he is gone,  
 Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 him shall sev - er. Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell  
 life im - mor - tal; this shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave Christ will re - call me. Bright - er  
 live and reign with him in heav - en. God is  
 praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
 when I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be a sure de - fense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

# Distribution Hymn

466 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!  
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave;  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
 he has a - ris - en this world to save.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare,  
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.  
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 on - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."  
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

## Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy;



death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Distribution of Holy Communion

*(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)*

*As he distributes the elements, the pastor says to the communicants:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**Amen.**

*As he dismisses the communicants, the pastor says:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go T in peace.

**Amen.**

## Our Holy Communion Practices

*(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)*

### Visitors

*Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:*

*The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.*

*We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.*

*If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.*

### Communicants

*"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.*

*The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.*

### Children and Non-Communicants

*Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.*

## Post-Communion Canticle

948 "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise"

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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)*

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through 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

450 "The Day of Resurrection"



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light  
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad-ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

*Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879 Text and tune: Public domain*





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.*

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

*For more information about our synod, please visit its website: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)*

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### ***The Paschal Candle***

*Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter. It was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (sometimes referred to as the "Pasch") that Jesus rose from the dead and proved himself to be the true Passover Lamb whose blood removes the threat of death (cf. Exodus 12; 1 Corinthians 6:6-8).*

*Paschal Candles are usually very large, white, and inscribed with a cross. They are also inscribed with the Greek letters Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω) – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet – which symbolize that Christ is eternal, the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).*

*The Paschal Candle is lit every Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday to symbolize that Jesus is risen from the dead and lives among his people never to die again. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as believers continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.*

*The candle is also lit at Holy Baptisms and Christian funerals, reminding us of the believer's new birth and resurrection to eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.*