

✠ DAY OF PENTECOST ✠

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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.

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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.

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He Lives to Pour Out His Spirit

On the evening before he was crucified, Jesus met with his disciples to prepare them for what was about to take place – his death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. When the disciples were distressed when they heard their Lord would go away, Jesus assured them, “It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7). The “Counselor” Jesus promised is the Holy Spirit.

Fifty days after the Passover, God’s Old Testament people celebrated the festival of Pentecost (Greek for “fifty”). Pentecost commemorated the gathering of the harvest and was also used to remember the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, the start of the Church of Israel. Christ chose the Day of Pentecost to be the birthday of his New Testament Church too. On that day, fifty days after he rose from the dead, Jesus kept his promise to send his disciples this Counselor by pouring out his Holy Spirit upon them. In doing so, he enabled them to go forth and make disciples of all nations so he could eventually gather all believers in that great harvest of souls.

Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, after Christmas and Easter. This holiday closes the fifty-day period after Easter and ends the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red on this day to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit’s presence, as well as the blood the martyrs shed because they called on the name of the Lord.

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.

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

477 "O Day Full of Grace"



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his Spir - it new



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may be
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub - lime,
cross was hang - ing, and then he a - rose to claim his throne
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be lost,



re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
great joy for us all re - triev - ing, for Je - sus all
that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all his heal - ing.

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



5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.

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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.

Pentecost Dialogue

(Jesus said) “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; **if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.**” *(John 20:22b,23, NIV '84)*

No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. *(John 3:5b,6, NIV '84)*

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus

the law of the Spirit of life

set me free from the law of sin and death. *(Romans 8:1,2, NIV '84)*

Now the Lord is the Spirit,

and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. *(2 Corinthians 3:17, NIV '84)*

Come, Holy Spirit!

Fill the hearts of your faithful people,

and kindle in us the fire of your love. (*Antiphon for Pentecost*)

Song of Praise

935 "All Glory Be to God on High" (*stanza 4*)

4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light and source of con - so -
la - tion, pro - tect us from the dev - il's might thro' Je - sus,
our sal - va - tion, who by his death up - on a tree has
res - cued us from mis - er - y: to this we hold for - ev - er.

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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.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace.

Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

In the Old Testament, God poured out his Spirit onto the prophets so they could reveal his will. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus poured his Spirit onto the Church so they could proclaim his gospel to the world.

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

5 Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” 12 They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. 16 On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions.
Your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the sky above,
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

Cantor: May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;
may the LORD rejoice / in his works—
he makes winds his / messengers,
flames of fire his / servants.
I will sing to the LORD / all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

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: **(Refrain)**

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-11

When God pours out his Spirit it is not only for the benefit of the individual believer. God gives his Spirit to us so that we might be of benefit to the entire Church.

³ Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶ There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.

⁷ Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹ by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. ¹⁰ Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Antiphon for Pentecost

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced



Refrain



Hymn of the Day

585 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
 and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
 let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite
 keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your
 that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our
 that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sermon

Acts 2:1-21

“Everyone Who Calls on the Name of the Lord Will be Saved”

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

Day of Pentecost

The congregation's responses are from Martin Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.

Let us pray.

Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

**I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing
believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.**

**But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel,
enlightened me with his gifts,
sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies
the whole Christian Church on earth,
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions

The Christian Church has traditionally marked May 31 as a day to remember the "Visitation" of the Virgin Mary to her relative Elizabeth after the angel Gabriel informed her that she would give birth to the Son of the Most High. We will recognize this minor church year festival in our prayers today.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts
and kindle in us the fire of your love. 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 on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world.

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 key signature of one flat (B-flat). 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.

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Please be seated

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.

Distribution Hymn

592 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the Church's



realms of light, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
 ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try, teach - ing, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it,
 through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it,
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free, Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high, liv - ing,
 ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ, you we
 ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul in com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 praise with end - less wor - ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.
 mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Distribution Hymn

962 "Hail Thee, Festival Day"

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er,



day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the world with his grace.



1 Bright and in like-ness of fire, on those who a - wait his ap - pear-ing,
 3 God the Al-might-y, the Lord, the rul - er of earth and the heav-ens,
 5 Spir - it of life and of pow'r, now flow in us, fount of our be - ing,

Refrain



he whom the Lord had fore-told sud - den-ly, swift-ly de-scends:
 guard us from harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light that en - light-ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:



2 Hark! For in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his _cho - sen a - pos - tles,
 4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our minds, great Re-deem-er,
 6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and Au - thor of con-cord,

Refrain



preached to the ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:
 Son of the Fa-ther su-preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 pour out your balm on our days; or - der our ways in your peace:

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.

Post-Communion Canticle 968 "In Peace, Lord, You Let Your Servant" Nunc Dimittis

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.

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.

Closing Hymn

591 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

Please remain standing for the first stanza and follow the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace that we our
Lord and Sav - ior in faith and fer - vent love em - brace

and tru - ly serve him ev - er, so that when death is
 near at hand we at his cross may
 firm - ly stand and there find our sal - va - tion.

Please be seated

2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word in faith - ful
 3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, death's bit - ter
 hearts may trea - sure; let e'er that bread of life af - ford
 hour im - pend - ing, may your good work in us be - gun
 new grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to die to
 con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, un - til we glad - ly
 ev - 'ry sin; each day cre - ate us
 may com - mend our souls in - to our
 new with - in that fruits of faith may flour - ish.
 Sav - ior's hand to rest in peace e - ter - nal.

*Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532-1599; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851-1929, alt.
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, ed. Joseph Klug 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.

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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.