

# ✠ HOLY TRINITY ✠

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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.

# First Sunday after Pentecost

## Holy Trinity

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*Season after Pentecost*

***Say It Out Loud***

“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). As witnesses of Jesus and his love, Christians are encouraged to go forth into the world with the gospel and “say it out loud.” Our prayer is that others might hear our testimony about Jesus as their Lord and Savior, believe, and be saved.

*Holy Trinity Sunday*

***God Is Triune***

Already in the very first chapter of the Bible we read, “God said, ‘Let us make man in our image...’” (Genesis 1:26). Note the singular “God” and the plural “us.” Scripture teaches us that there is only one God but that he exists as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is triune, meaning three-in-one. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not some logical exercise or philosophical excursion. This teaching is central to our salvation!

Holy Trinity Sunday is a time to celebrate God revealing himself as one God in three persons. God’s very existence is a mystery, far beyond our ability to comprehend. However, this doctrine is not meant to confuse us but bring us comfort and joy! While we cannot understand everything about our Triune God, we have been enlightened by faith to believe what he reveals about himself in his Word. Therefore, there is plenty about God’s majesty we *do* understand. We understand that God provides for us as a loving Father. We understand that Jesus paid for our sins through his death on the cross. We understand that the Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to grant us the greatest of blessings. On this Holy Trinity Sunday, let it be enough to know that all three persons – Father, Son, and Spirit – love us with an everlasting love!

# The Service

## Setting One

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**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.*

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## The Preparation

### Tolling of the Bells

#### Opening Hymn

921 "Come, Thou Almighty King"



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear



help us to praise. Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
Word suc - cess, and let thy right - eous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.

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



4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov-'reign maj - es - ty may we in  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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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.**

## Holy Trinity Dialogue

I believe that God created me and all that exists,  
and that he gave me my body and soul,  
eyes, ears and all my members,  
my mind and all my abilities. *(Small Catechism: The Creed: First Article)*

**By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command,  
so that what is seen  
was not made  
out of what was visible.** *(Hebrews 11:3, NIV '84)*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,  
begotten of the Father from eternity,  
and also true man,  
born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. *(Small Catechism: The Creed: Second Article)*

**But when the time had fully come,  
God sent his Son, born of a woman,  
born under law, to redeem those under law,  
that we might receive the full rights of sons.** *(Galatians 4:4,5, NIV '84)*

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. *(Small Catechism: The Creed: Third Article)*

**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 3:5,6, NIV '84)*

## Hymn of Praise

608 "Glory Be to God the Father" (stanza 1)

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to  
God the Son, glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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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.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

*The Triune God demonstrates his power at Creation.*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

<sup>6</sup> God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water.” <sup>7</sup> God made the expanse, and he separated the water that was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse, and it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the expanse “sky.” There was evening and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup> God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear,” and it was so. The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathering places of the waters he called “seas.” God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> God said, “Let the earth produce plants—vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it—each according to its own kind on the earth,” and it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind, and God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> There was evening and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>14</sup> God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. <sup>15</sup> Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth,” and it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> There was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> God said, “Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird according to its own kind. God saw that it was good.

<sup>22</sup> God blessed them when he said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> There was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock, creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind,” and it was so.

<sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind. God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> God created the man in his own image.

In the image of God he created him.

Male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. <sup>30</sup> To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

**2** The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. <sup>2</sup> On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. <sup>3</sup> God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

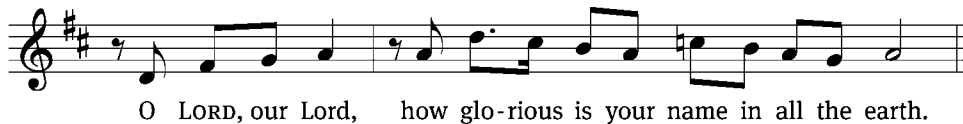
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 8 A “O LORD, Our Lord”

*The Church sings Psalm 8 to celebrate the glory of God’s creation and the special place of Jesus in it.  
The name of the true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – resounds around the earth.*

### Refrain



### Tone

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,  
what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,  
a Son of Man that you / care for him?**

### Refrain

**You have made him a little lower than the / angels  
and crowned him with glory and / honor.  
You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;  
you put everything un- / der his feet.**

**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

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

*By sharing his grace, love, and fellowship, the Holy Trinity gives us unity and peace.*

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 6:3

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*



*Refrain*



*Tone*



*Refrain*

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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 28:16-20

*Jesus calls his Church to carry out her ministry in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

<sup>16</sup> The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. <sup>18</sup> Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

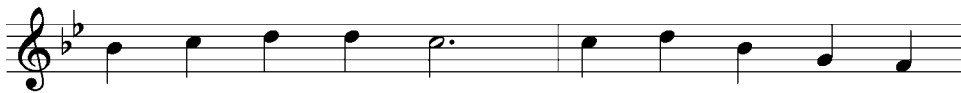
*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

586 “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and make our  
2 To you, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, to you, the  
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's al -  
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, and shed your



hearts your place of rest; come with your grace and  
gift of God most high, the fount of life, the  
might - y hand be - hold while you with tongues of  
love in ev - 'ry heart; the weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, and fill the hearts which you have made.  
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.  
mor - tal state with death - less might in - vig - o - rate.

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,  
and your abiding peace bestow;  
with you as our protecting guide,  
no evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and you, from both, as Three in One  
that we your name may ever bless  
and in our lives the truth confess.

- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
and Holy Spirit, with them One,  
and may the Son on us bestow  
the gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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## Sermon

Matthew 28:16-20

“*Light in the Darkness*”

## Athanasian Creed *Credo*

(Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

*Please remain seated.*

*The Creed will be spoken responsively, with **the congregation speaking the parts in bold.***

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

**Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,

**but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

**The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,

**just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;  
**yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
**yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
**yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

**The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.**

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

**The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;**

but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

**Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.**

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

**Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.**

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother,

**fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh;**

equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

**and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one:**

one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;

**one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;**

for just as the rational soul and flesh is one human being, so God and man is one Christ.

**He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.**

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

**At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.**

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

**This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

*More information about the Athanasian Creed is located on page 284 in the hymnal.*

## **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.*

# Youth Confirmation

*Confirmation is a church rite for those who have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith. This public ceremony allows an opportunity for the confirmands to publicly confess their faith, to be prayed for by both their family and congregation, and as individuals who are able to “examine themselves,” to be recognized as those who are properly prepared to receive Christ’s true body and blood in the Lord’s Supper as communicant members of this congregation and others in our fellowship. This year, two young believers have presented themselves before our congregation to profess their Christian faith in our Triune God:*

**Anya Lynn Bralick** (baptized on December 29, 2019)

**Eva Celeste Schmeling** (baptized on June 17, 2012)

*The minister speaks to those being confirmed:*

My dear young friends, when you were baptized, your gracious Lord forgave all your sins and covered you with the robe of Christ’s righteousness. Through water and Word he created faith in your hearts and adopted you into the family of believers. As you matured and heard and studied the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit enlightened your minds and preserved you as children of God.

You have expressed the desire to confess the truths you believe before your Savior, your family and friends, and this congregation. You are ready to say with St. Paul, “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” You have learned to examine your thoughts, words, and actions in the light of God’s law, and you have experienced the comfort of forgiveness in the Savior’s gospel. With this preparation you are eager to receive the Savior’s body and blood in the sacrament.

As we worship with you on this day, we are filled with joy as we see how the Lord has grown your faith and love. We are bringing our prayers to the Savior’s throne of grace and imploring him to keep you faithful to him and his Word until you join us and all believers in the glories of heaven.

I now ask each of you:

Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshiping with you today?

**I am.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**I do.**

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God?

**I do.**

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God?

**I do.**

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and his Word all the days of your life?

**Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value his Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go?

**Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

*The minister speaks to the congregation:*

Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lead them to see and believe that in the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Empower them by the gospel to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us and declare us not guilty, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*The minister speaks to those being confirmed:*

I now invite each of you to come forward to receive a blessing from the Lord and a word of encouragement from the Scriptures.

*Those being confirmed approach the altar in turn and kneel. The minister lays his hand on the head of each and speaks a blessing and their confirmation verse.*

**Anya Lynn Bralick**, may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your heart and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Anya, your confirmation verse is Revelation 5:13: “I also heard every creature that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.”

**Eva Celeste Schmeling**, may God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

Eva, your confirmation verse is Revelation 2:10 b: “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

*The minister speaks to those who have been confirmed:*

Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given to you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often.

The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

*The confirmands return to their seats.*

*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.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord.

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)*



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.”

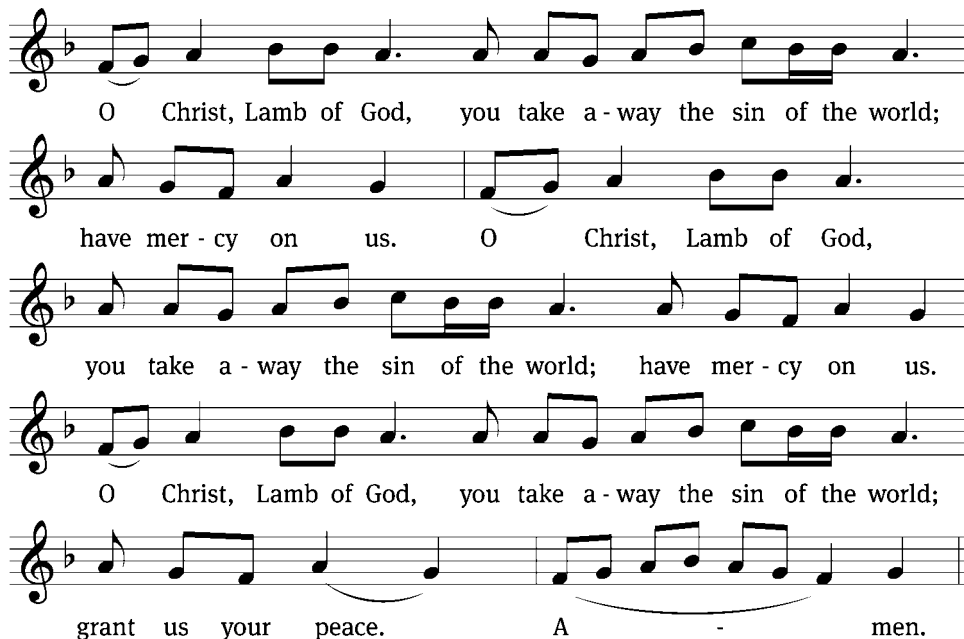
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**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*

## 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

481 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une



let us bring our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.  
 God we sing, in whom we are e - lect - ed.  
 Ghost we sing for our re - gen - er - a - tion.  
 God we sing; blest be his name for - ev - er!



To him through ev - er - last - ing days be wor - ship,  
 He bought his Church with his own blood, he cleansed her  
 The sav - ing faith in us he wrought and us un -  
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore and sing his



hon - or, pow'r, and praise whose hand sus-tains cre - a - tion.  
 in that bless - ed flood and as his bride se - lect - ed.  
 to the Bride-groom brought, made us his cho - sen na - tion.  
 prais - es more and more for all his grace and fa - vor.



Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly is our un - ion and com - mun - ion;  
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, bliss su - per - nal;  
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



spread the sto - ry of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.  
 his be - friend - ing gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.  
 there is man - na and an end - less, glad ho - san - na.  
 spread the sto - ry of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

## Distribution Hymn

483 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876 Text and tune: Public domain*

## 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

953 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (stanza 5)

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*

5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly  
Spir - it, three we name you, though in  
es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed  
God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the  
knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

*Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, abr.; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.  
Tune: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, alt. Text and tune: Public domain*

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

## Closing Hymn

940 "We All Believe in One True God"



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa-ther, Son, and  
2 We all be-lieve in Je-sus Christ, Son of God and  
3 We all con-fess the Ho-ly Ghost, who from both for-

Ho-ly Ghost, ev-er-pres-ent help in need,  
Mar-y's Son, who de-scend-ed from his throne  
e'er pro-ceeds, who up-holds and com-forts us

praised by all the heav'n-ly host, by whose might-y  
and for us sal-va-tion won, by whose cross and  
in all tri-als, fears, and needs. Bless-ed, ho-ly

pow'r a-lone all is made and wrought and done.  
death are we res-cued from all mis-er-ry.  
Trin-i-ty, praise to you e-ter-nal-ly!

*Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.  
Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd. ed., Meiningen, 1693; adapt. Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697-1775 Text and tune: Public domain*

*Please be seated after the first stanza*





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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