# ✝ CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY ✝

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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.

# Christ the King Sunday



*Easter*

The Easter icon is rich with symbolism. The central element is a victorious Lamb whose blood has been shed for the life and salvation of all. The blood waters, as it were, the growth in the image. The shape of an open tomb—burst by the power of resurrection—appears to the left of the worthy Lamb who was slain. A crown is also illustrated to show that Christ has arisen to be King of Kings.

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*Season after Pentecost*

***The Beginning of the End***

Scripture teaches that the End Times began with Christ's first coming, especially his death and resurrection. Christ will come again on judgment day. Now we live in that in-between time, when salvation has been won, but full glory is still to come. It's the beginning of the end.

Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ's finished work for us. Until that time, God wants us to remain rooted to him by hearing his Word, receiving the sacraments, trusting in his promise of forgiveness, and then, telling others about his love!

*Christ the King Sunday*

***King of kings and Lord of lords***

Never could there be a king like Christ our King. Beyond all comparison is the rule he exercises in time and eternity. And incomparably great is our joy in worshiping him even now as we await his triumphant return to transform our worship in faith and under the cross to worship in sight and in glory.

On this last Sunday of the Church Year, we rejoice in the fulfillment of God's plan for our salvation through Christ our King. And we rejoice because Christ our King reigns—the King who once came as a sacrifice; the King who still shepherds us day by day; the King who one day will conquer all our enemies once and for all. Rejoice in his reign and look forward to the day when every knee will bow with us before the King of kings and Lord of Lords!

# The Service

## Setting One

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

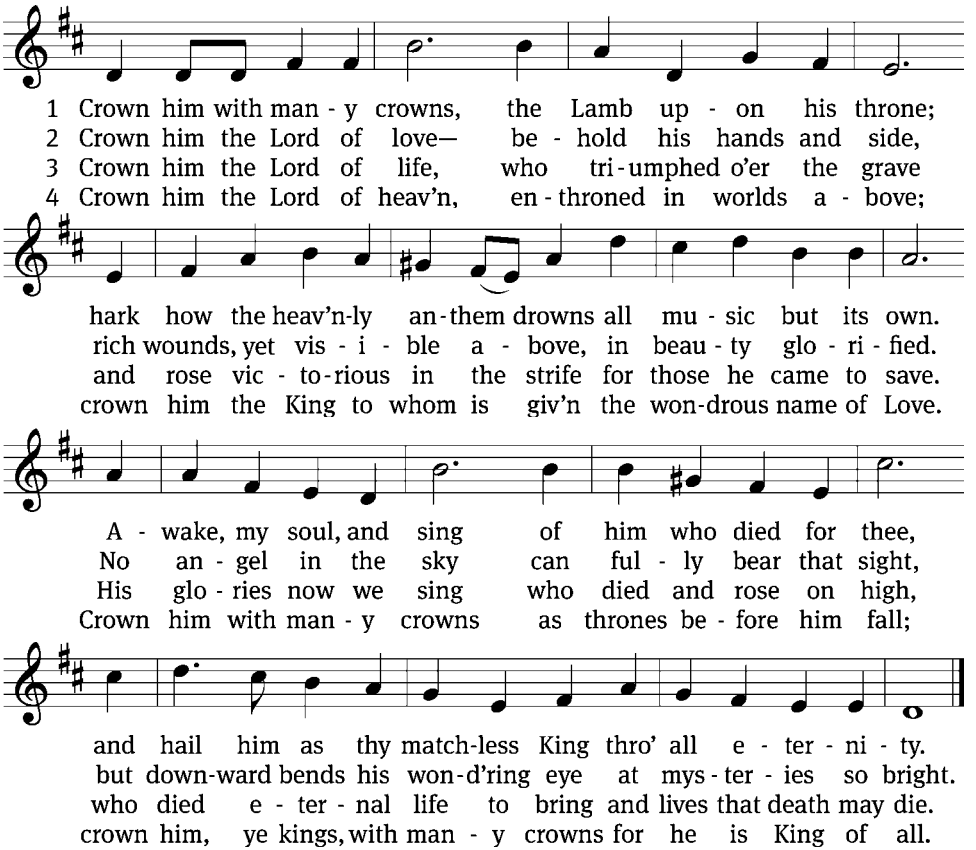
*Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.*

*A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.*

*The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.*

## The Preparation

**Opening Hymn** *511 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

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## Invocation *(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)*

*Please stand*

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ 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*

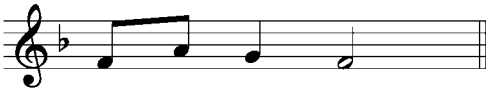
## Absolution *(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)*

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 ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

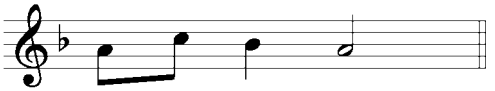
## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

*(Psalm 51:1; Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13)*

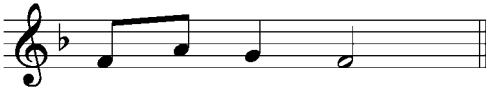
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



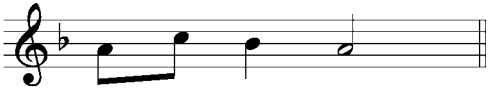

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



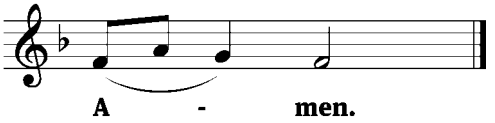

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.




Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

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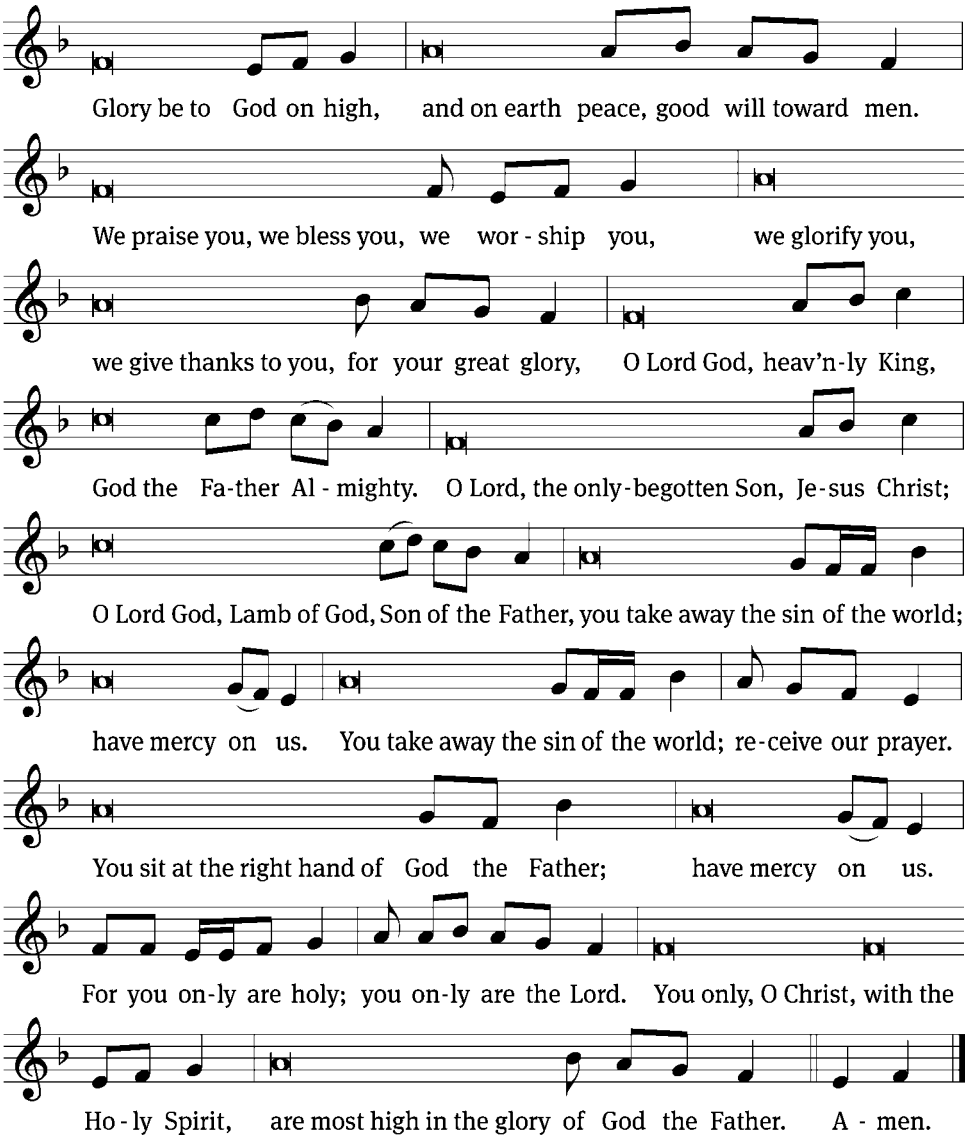
**Glory be to God** *Gloria in Excelsis* *(Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Acts 7:56)*



# 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

*The LORD prophesied through Ezekiel that he would make a descendant of David the Shepherd of his people.*

11 For this is what the LORD God says. Here I am. I myself will seek the welfare of my
flock and carefully search for them. 12 As a shepherd searches for his flock when his sheep
that were with him have been scattered, so I will search for my flock and rescue them from
all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring
them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own
soil. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys, and in all the
settlements of the land. 14 I will lead them into good pasture, and their grazing land will be
on the high mountains of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and they will
pasture on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will shepherd my flock. I
myself will let them lie down, declares the LORD God. 16 I will seek the lost. I will bring back
the strays. I will bind up the injured. I will strengthen the weak. I will destroy the fat and
the strong, and I will shepherd them with justice.

23 Then I will raise up over them one shepherd, and he will tend them. My servant David
will tend them, and he will be their shepherd. 24 I, the LORD, will be their God, and my
servant David will be the prince among them. I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

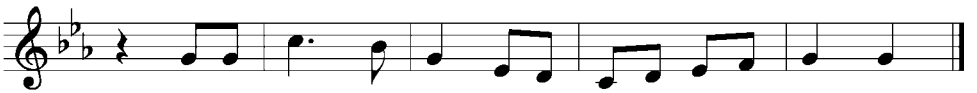
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

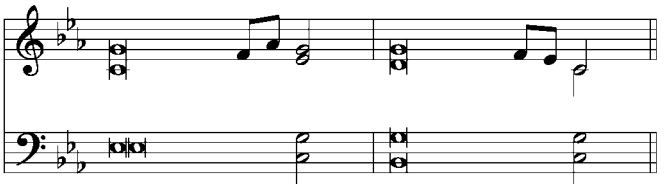
Psalm 95 A *"The Rock of Our Salvation"*

*The Church sings Psalm 95 in services that praise God as the source of the water of life and the rock of our eternal salvation. The psalm connects joyful worship of God with penitent listening to his Word.*

*Refrain*




*Tone*



**Come, let us sing for joy / to the LORD;**
**let us shout aloud to the rock of our sal- / vation.**
**Let us come before him with thanks- / giving**
**and extol him with mu- / sic and song.**
**For the LORD is the / great God,**
**the great King a- / bove all gods.**
**In his hand are the depths / of the earth,**
**and the mountain peaks be- / long to him.**
**The sea is his, for he / made it,**
**and his hands formed the / dry land.**

*Refrain*

**Come, let us bow down in / worship,**
**let us kneel before the LORD our / maker;**
**for he is our God and we are the people of his / pasture,**
**the flock under / his care.**
**Today, if only you would / hear his voice,**
**"Do not hard- / en your hearts**
**as you did at / Meribah,**
**as you did that day at Massah in the / wilderness."**

**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 Corinthians 15:20-28

*Christ's resurrection from the dead is the guarantee that we too will rise and join him in his eternal kingdom.*

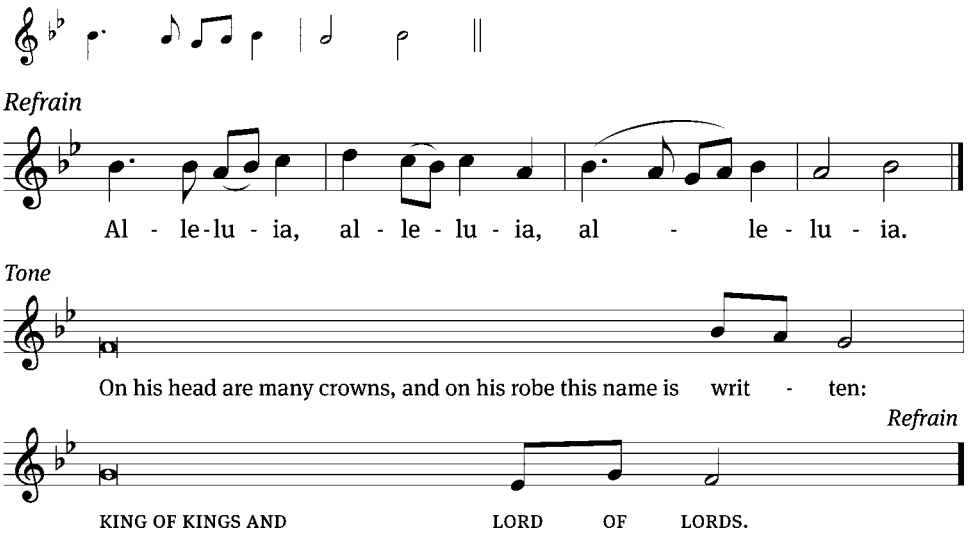
20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have
fallen asleep. 21 For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to
come by a man. 22 For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive.
23 But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming.
24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has
done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. 25 For he must reign
"until he has put all his enemies under his feet." 26 Death is the last enemy to be done away
with. 27 Certainly, "he has put all things in subjection under his feet." Now when it says that
all things have been put in subjection, obviously that does not include the one who
subjected all things to him. 28 But when all things have been subjected to him, then the Son
himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected all things to him, in order that God
may be all in all.

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

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 19:12,16

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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 27:27-31

*Never was pagan mockery more prophetic! Jesus is indeed the King of the Jews. He is the King of kings. Unlike other kings, our Savior is a King who conquers by allowing himself to be conquered.*

27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole
cohort of soldiers around him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. 29 They
twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand,
knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 They spit on
him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head.

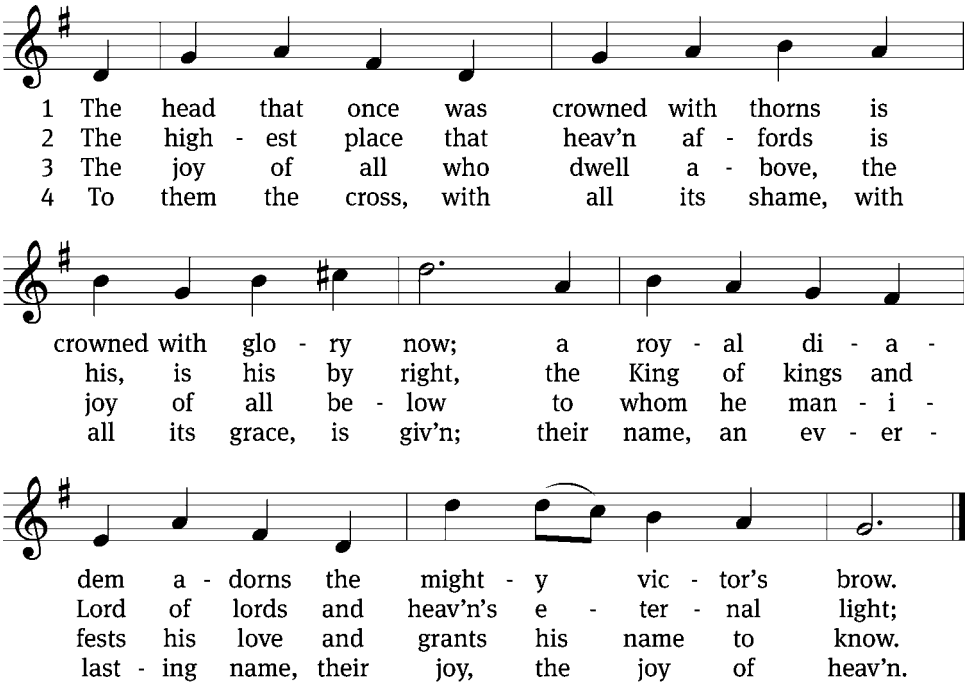
31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him.
Then they led him away to crucify him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**Hymn of the Day** *531 "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns"*




5 They suffer with their Lord below,
  they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
  the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
  though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
  their everlasting theme.

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**Sermon** Matthew 27:27-31

*"King of kings and Lord of lords"*

**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 Christ the King

Let us pray…

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

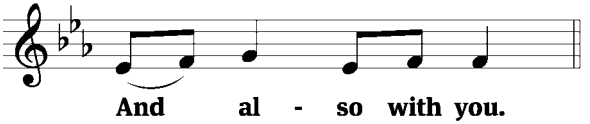
# The Sacrament

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

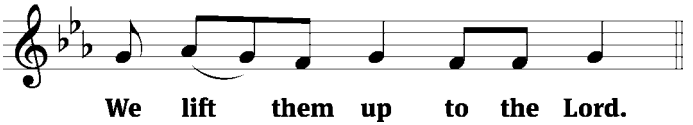
## Prefaces

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

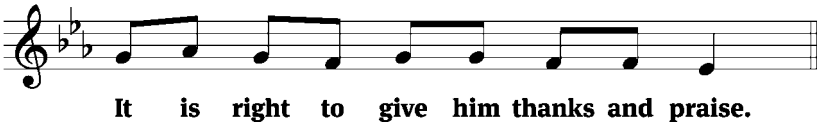
The Lord be with you.




Lift up your hearts.



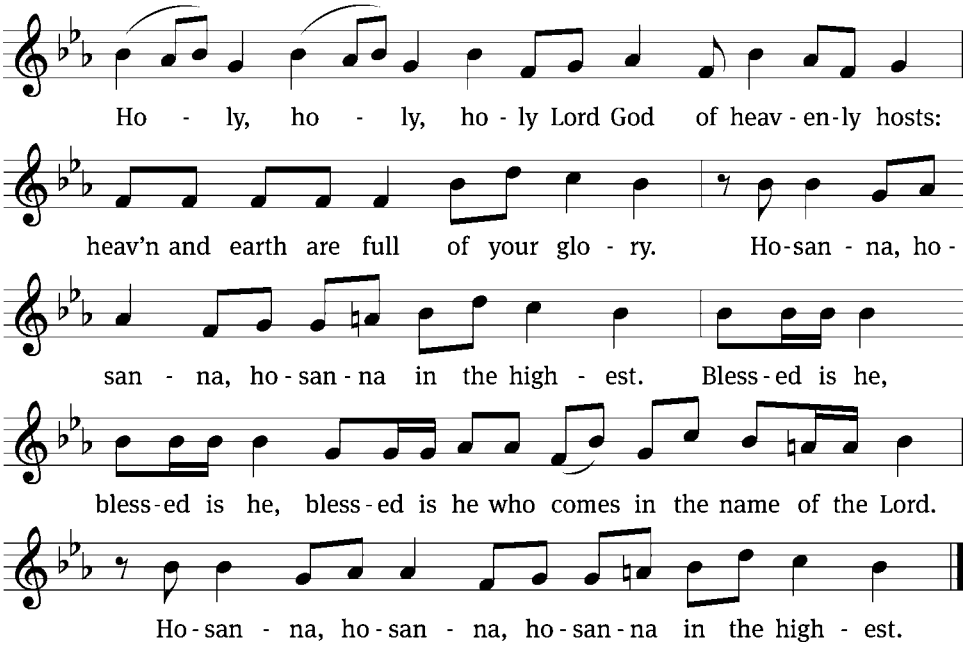

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.




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 preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as King to judge all people and take his own to glory.

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)*




**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)*

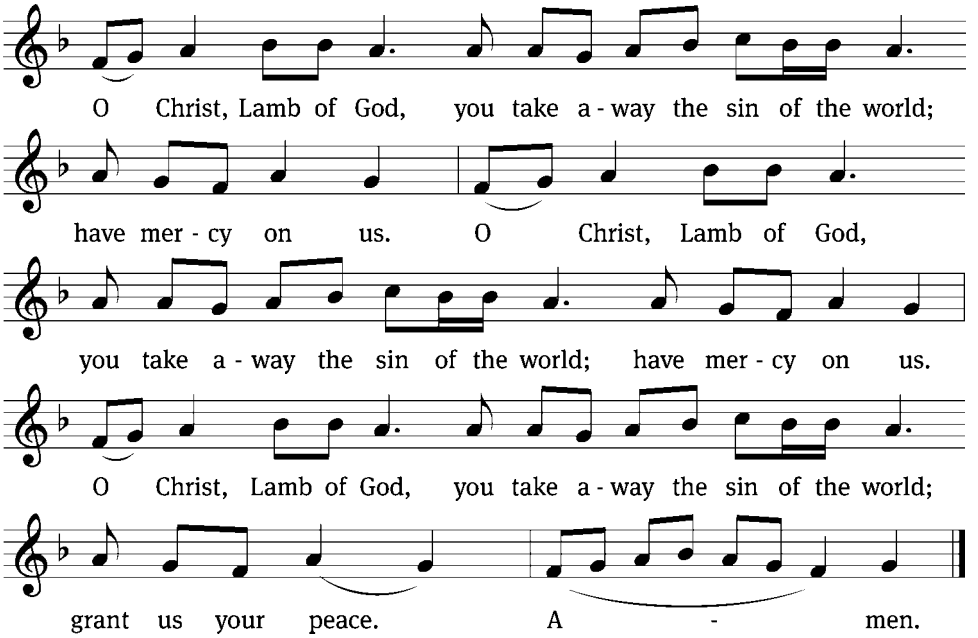
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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)*

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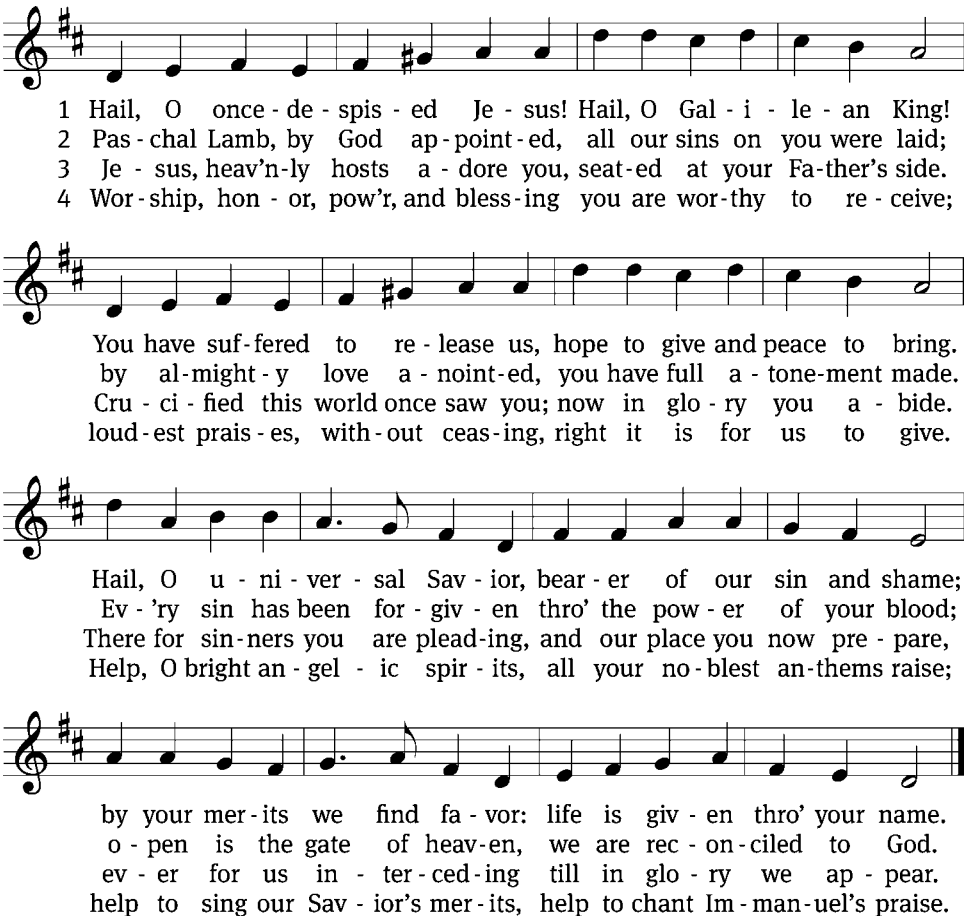
## Distribution Hymn

*534 "Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus"*

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## Background Music

*Father, Most Holy*
*Salvation unto Us Has Come*
*Praise to You and Adoration*

(Edith Hermanson, piano)

# 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 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.**

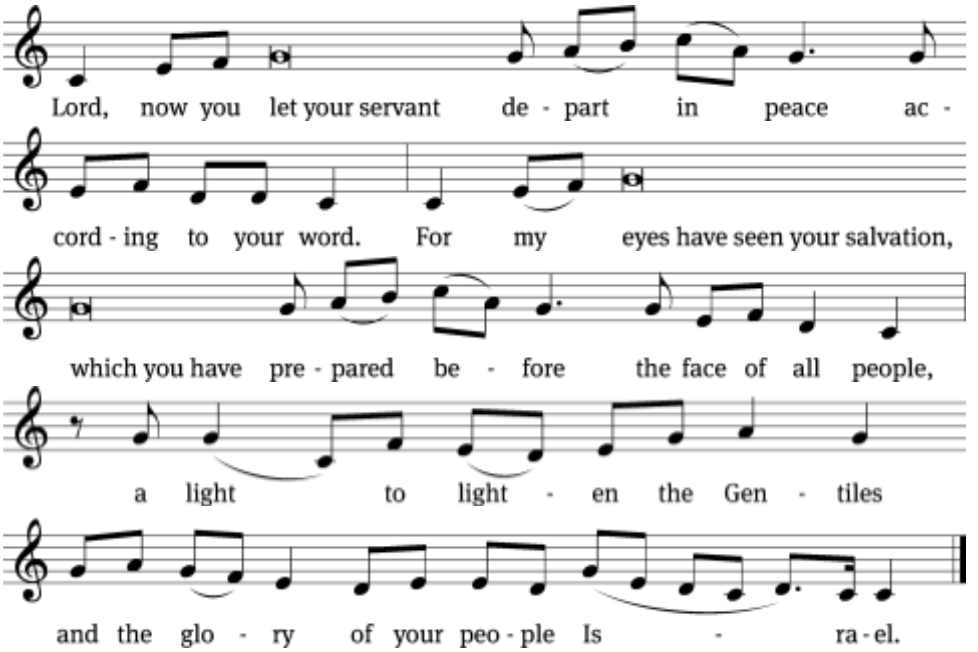
*As he dismisses the communicants, the pastor says:*

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

*951 "Lord, Now You Let Your Servant" Nunc Dimittis*

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*

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## Thanksgiving *(Psalm 118:1)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
**his mercy endures forever.**

## Proclamation *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Post-Communion Prayer *(Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11)*

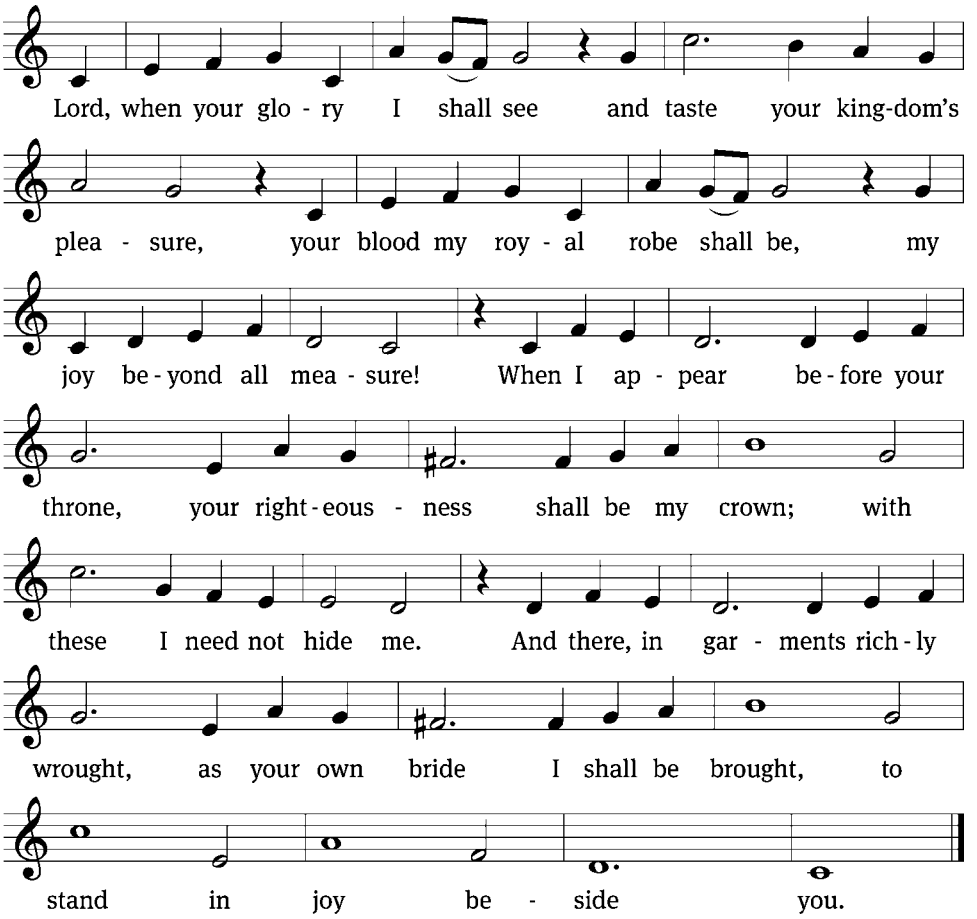
We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
**Amen.**

## Blessing *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Closing Hymn** *884 "Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See"*

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# Advent & Christmas at Nain

*Advent* comes from a Latin word which means "coming." The season of Advent is the four-week period of preparation and anticipation before Christmas that the Christian Church uses to remember the "coming" of the Christ.

The Church looks for the coming of her Savior in this threefold advent: his coming in the flesh as a baby in Bethlehem, his return in judgment on the Last Day, and his present coming to his people in Word and Sacrament.

The Church encompasses all these facets of the season in a single word that defines Advent worship: "Come!" Throughout the prayers, hymns, and readings that single word is our invitation, our anticipation, and our sure and certain hope. Come, Lord Jesus!

I hope you will join us for all our services this season as we celebrate the arrival of our Savior!

## Sunday Advent Services

"Lord Jesus, Bring Your Gifts"

The Lord Jesus arrived with gifts. At Christmas, we remember how he came in the flesh, born of Mary, laid in a manger, true God and true man. He brought us gifts of salvation and fulfillment. His first coming secured our redemption once for all.

The Lord Jesus arrives with gifts every time we gather for worship. Through his Word and sacraments, he is present with his gifts of grace today. And he will arrive again with gifts. The same Jesus who ascended will return in glory with his eternal gifts for all who believe in him.

So we live between his arrivals, remembering his birth, receiving his grace, and waiting with confidence. We pray with joy, "Lord Jesus, bring your gifts!"

## Midweek Advent Services

During our midweek Advent services, we will follow the order of Evening Prayer, hear a prophecy about the coming Messiah from the book of Isaiah, and hear the story of how God prepared his people to welcome their Savior from the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 1.

## Christmas Services

"Our Brother Is Born"

The child born in Bethlehem is not only the son of Mary and Joseph. He is our brother. By taking on human flesh, Jesus Christ entered our human family. He became one of us so that we might become children of God. God's family is not limited to one house or nation. It includes believers from every land, language, and generation.

Jesus came to rescue his family from sin and death. His birth means that the doors of heaven's family are opened to us. So Christmas joy is not only about a baby born long ago. It is the celebration that our brother has arrived, and in him the whole family of believers rejoices together.

## Service Schedule

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| First Sunday in Advent | Sunday | \| | November | 29 | \| | 10:00 am |
| Midweek of Advent 1 | Wednesday | \| | December | 2 | \| | 7:00 pm |
| Second Sunday in Advent | Sunday | \| | December | 6 | \| | 10:00 am |
| Midweek of Advent 2 | Wednesday | \| | December | 9 | \| | 7:00 pm |
| Third Sunday in Advent | Sunday | \| | December | 13 | \| | 10:00 am |
| Midweek of Advent 3 | Wednesday | \| | December | 16 | \| | 7:00 pm |
| Fourth Sunday in Advent | Sunday | \| | December | 20 | \| | 10:00 am |
| Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Eve | Thursday | \| | December | 24 | \| | 5:00 pm |
| Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day | Friday | \| | December | 25 | \| | 10:00 am |
| First Sunday after Christmas | Sunday | \| | December | 27 | \| | 10:00 am |
| Second Sunday after Christmas | Sunday | \| | January | 3 | \| | 10:00 am |

## Other

Here are some other things going on during Advent:

- Cookie Walk & Christmas Sale — Sunday | December 6 | 11:15 am
- Christmas Decoration Set-Up — Saturday | December 19 | 9:00 am
- Signing cards for shut-in members — Please sign cards by Wednesday, December 16

## Resources

We have several items available in the narthex that will assist you with your Advent preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. Please help yourself to these free items:

- Advent Calendars
- Advent & Christmas at Nain — Service Schedule and explanation of the Advent Wreath
- *Savior of the Nations, Come* — Devotional booklet from Martin Luther College (2026)
- *All Things New* — Devotional booklet from Martin Luther College (2025)
- *The Great O Antiphons of Advent* — Devotional guide for the last 8 days of Advent
- *God's Gift to You* — Christmas flyer from Northwestern Publishing House
- Plus digital resources via the Weekly E-News email

*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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*Peter Hermanson for serving as distribution assistant... Jerry Loeffel for serving as usher...*
*Mark Buske for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream...*
*and Tina and Hermione Krueger for serving on Altar Duty.*

*For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit the "Worship Resources" page of our website to read this Sunday's **"About the Propers,"** a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.*

*All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter, the "Nain Messenger"** to stay informed about all congregational news. Printed copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.*

***"The Congregation at Prayer,"** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings, is also posted on the "Worship Resources" page of our church website.*

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