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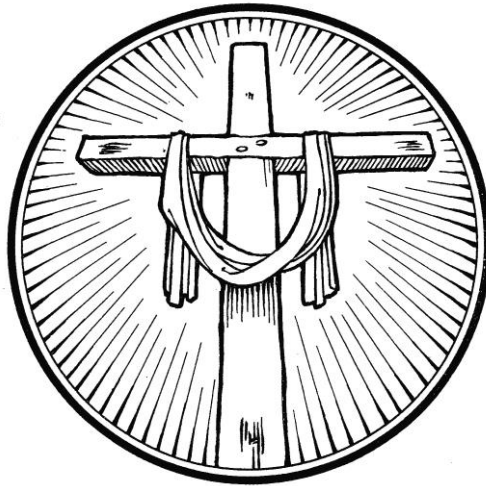


Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Clothed in the righteousness of Christ, we partake of his wedding feast

By his death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus has swallowed up death forever; and by his Gospel he “wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth” (Isaiah 25:8).

All three readings serve to remind us that our heavenly King has gone to great lengths to bring lasting joy and happiness into our lives. Our gracious God spared no expense in preparing the feast of our salvation, not even the life of his one and only Son.

God wants all to enjoy this heavenly feast. Thus, his servants are sent into the world with the Gospel to invite and gather as many as they find, “both good and bad,” to fill the wedding hall of heaven with guests (Matthew 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, Christ clothes us in the “wedding clothes” of his own perfect righteousness, so we are acceptable in God’s sight (Matthew 22:11). Therefore, “let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation” (Isaiah 25:9).

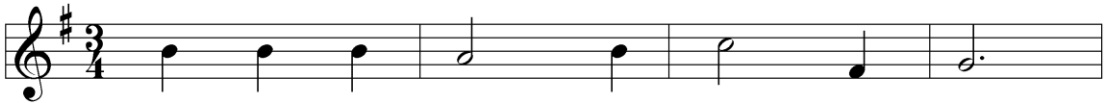
✚ COMMON SERVICE ✚

THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

OPENING HYMN

373 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful,
2 When once you vis - it dark - ened hearts,
3 O Je - sus, Light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name,
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless



O Maj - es - ty re - nowned, O Con - quer - or in -
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
O Fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
For - ev - er you a - dore, En - kin - dled with the
And hon - or you a - lone, And may we in our



vin - ci - ble, In whom all joys are found,
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
joys we know, All that we can de - sire,
Spir - it's flame To love you more and more.
lives ex - press The im - age of your own!

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

* Please stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS (1 John 1:8-9)

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

** Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.*

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

KYRIE – LORD, HAVE MERCY (Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)



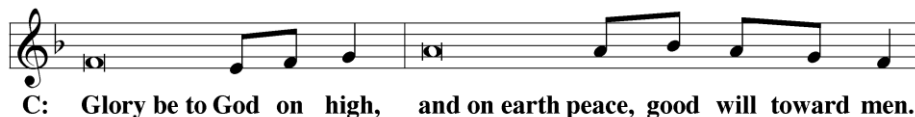
HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – GLORY TO GOD (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
 we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
 God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
 sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

** Please be seated.*

THE WORD

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 23

** Pastor will speak the initial refrain, and then the first half of each Psalm verse.*

The congregation will respond with the second half of each verse, and join Pastor in the other refrains.

M: The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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C: I shall not be in want.

M: He makes me lie down in green pastures;

C: he leads me beside quiet waters.

M: He restores my soul;

C: he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

M: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

C: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

* The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.

GOSPEL OF THE DAY Matthew 22:1-14

** Please stand.*

M: The Holy Gospel for the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, according to St.
Matthew, chapter twenty-two.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

** After the reading of the Gospel:*

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

** Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 376 "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a
man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sin - ners plead, For me— e'en for my soul— was shed.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

SERMON

Matthew 22:1-14

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

** Please stand.*

C: 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 fully 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.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

443 *"Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Ephesians 6:18)

** Please remain seated.*

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

C: 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.

THE SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

PREFACES

** Please stand.*

M: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

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

SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

M: 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 † 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 † 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."

PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD (John 20:19)

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

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

* Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Personal Prayer before Holy Communion

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC 313 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”
318 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Personal Prayer after Holy Communion

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON (Luke 2:29-32)

** Please stand.*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is in a mix of bold and regular fonts, with some words hyphenated across lines.

THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

AARONIC BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

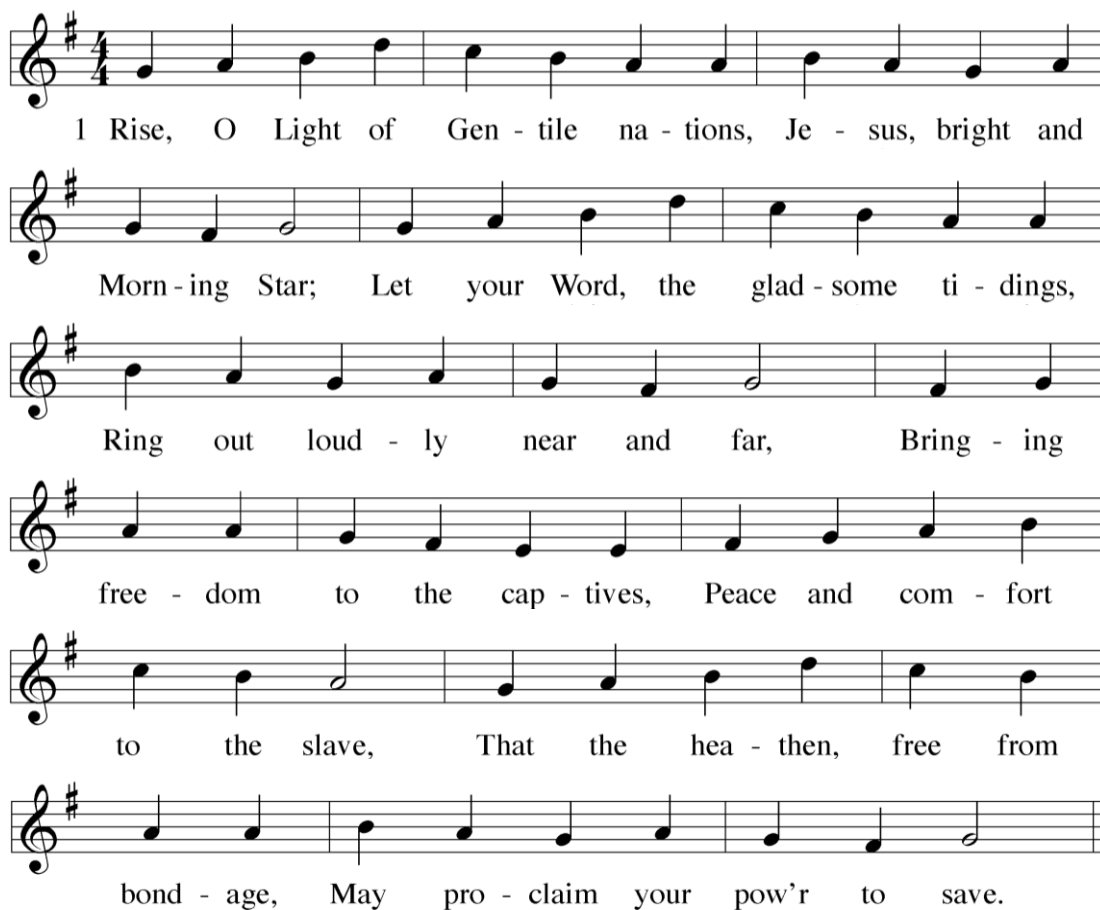
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

* Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

577 v 1 "Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations"



I Rise, O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, Je - sus, bright and
Morn - ing Star; Let your Word, the glad - some ti - dings,
Ring out loud - ly near and far, Bring - ing
free - dom to the cap - tives, Peace and com - fort
to the slave, That the hea - then, free from
bond - age, May pro - claim your pow'r to save.





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Personal Prayer for after Worship

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your Name, I pray. Amen.

Special thanks to: Peter Hermanson for serving as cantor; Ben Leyrer for recording the video of the service; and Oliva Hermanson for running the sound and playing the music.

Offering: If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

"About the Propers," a document explaining the changeable parts of the service, and ***"The Congregation at Prayer,"*** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings are posted on our website.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Please contact Pastor Berg if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

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