

# ✚ FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS ✚

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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 us 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 as you worship with us today. Please join us again soon!

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our church. 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 note about our Lord's Supper practices printed later in this bulletin under "Distribution."

Rest Rooms 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.

Mother's Room: Parents with crying children are welcome to use the mother's room, located off of the narthex. The room is equipped with speakers so parents can listen to the service.

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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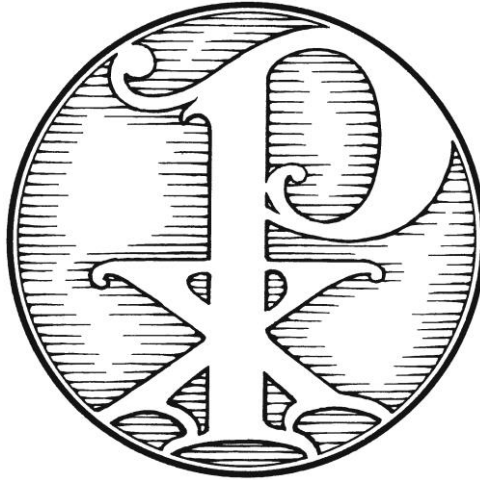
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*The time has come for redemption through Jesus*

There are two great miracles in Christmas: the one that God has become man for us and for our salvation; the second that he in grace reveals the first miracle even to us and blesses us with all its benefit.

“When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Luke 2:22). There Jesus was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, “waiting for the consolation of Israel.” Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. “At that very moment,” faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, also came up and “gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.”

Today’s readings urge Christians to praise God, who by his grace made us members of his family of believers. He has also moved us to live our lives more in keeping with his will. May his grace for us in Christ ever be our motivation to keep on following and keep on serving as we celebrate anew his birth!

# ✚ COMMON SERVICE ✚

**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.*

**Personal Prayer for before Worship:** O Lord – our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter – we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow daily in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## THE PREPARATION

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

### OPENING HYMN

### 77 "In His Temple Now Behold Him"



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him; See the long - ex -  
2 In the arms of her who bore him, Vir - gin pure, be -  
3 Je - sus, by your pres - en - ta - tion, You who did for



pect - ed Lord. An - cient proph - ets had fore - told him;  
hold him lie, While his a - ged saints a - dore him  
us en - dure, Let us see your great sal - va - tion,



God has now ful - filled his Word. Now to praise him,  
Ere in faith and hope they die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Seal us with your prom - ise sure, And pre - sent us



his re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.  
Al - le - lu - ia! See th' in - car - nate God most high!  
in your glo - ry To your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

## 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)



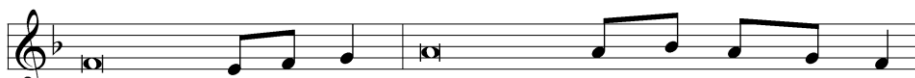
## HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

**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.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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



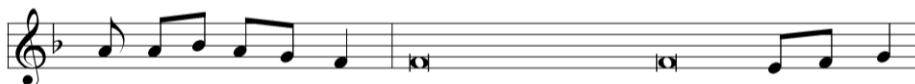
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ 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)

*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 our church website to read today's "About the Propers," a weekly document explaining the changeable parts of the service.*

## **FIRST LESSON**                      Isaiah 45:20-25

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

**M:** The Word of Our Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**              Psalm 111

*\* The men & boys will sing the first half of the psalm verse; the women & girls will sing the second half. All will join in the refrain and the "Glory be to the Father..."*





he has done mar - vel - ous things.



**All:      *Refrain***

Males: Great are the works of the LORD;\*

Females: they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,\*  
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

***Refrain***

The works of his hands are faithful and just;\*  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**All:      Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***



## SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Colossians 3:15a

(Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

M: Alleluia. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." Alleluia.



*\* 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

Luke 2:25-40

*\* Please stand.*

M: The Holy Gospel for the First Sunday after Christmas, according to St. Luke, chapter 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.*



1 In peace and joy I now de - part As my Lord  
 2 Christ Je - sus brought this gift to me, My faith - ful  
 3 You sent the peo - ple of the earth Their great sal -  
 4 Christ is the hope and sav - ing light Of those in



wills it; Se - rene and qui - et is my heart;  
 Sav - ior, Whom you al - lowed my eyes to see  
 va - tion; Your in - vi - ta - tion sum - mons forth  
 blind - ness; He guides and com - forts those in night



Glad - ness fills it. This the Lord has prom -  
 By your fa - vor. Now I know he is  
 Ev - 'ry na - tion By your ho - ly, pre -  
 By his kind - ness. He is Is - rael's right -



ised me, That death is but a slum - ber.  
 my life, My friend when I am dy - ing.  
 cious Word, In ev - 'ry place re - sound - ing.  
 eous - ness, Their joy, re - ward, and glo - ry.

## SERMON

Luke 2:25-40

## 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      329    “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

\* *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.*

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – CHRISTMAS    (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Ephesians 6:18)**

\* *Please remain seated.*

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked December 26<sup>th</sup> as a day to thank God for his work through St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr, December 27<sup>th</sup> as a day to thank him for his work through St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, December 28<sup>th</sup> to remember the Holy Innocents, Martyrs, and January 1<sup>st</sup> to remember the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. We will remember these minor festivals in our prayers today.*

#### **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)

*Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the note printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Distribution" so you may be informed about our congregation's Holy Communion practices.*

## 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.**

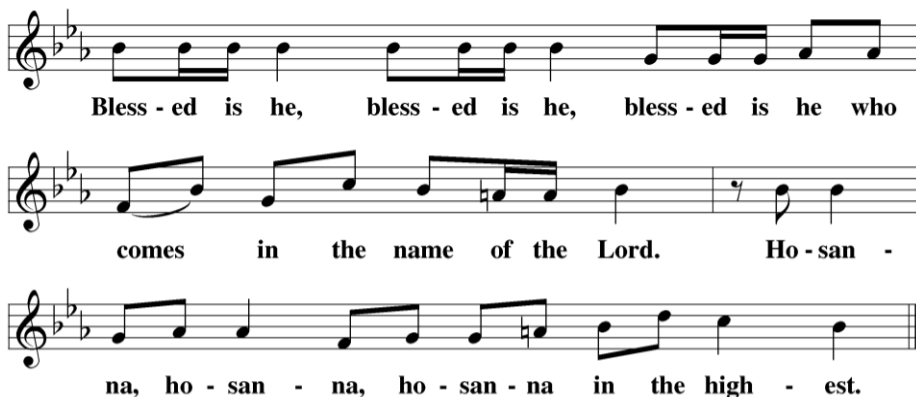
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

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.



# **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)





\* Please be seated.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

\* 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 eating and drinking at our Lord's Table, 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 true Christians 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.*

*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. 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, when the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When the pastor distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, shed 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 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 to the pastor that they don't intend to commune.

**Personal Prayer for 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**    37    *"Once Again My Heart Rejoices"*  
41    *"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

***Personal Prayer for 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.

**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

78 vv 1,4 "O Light of Gentile Nations"



1 O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, O  
4 Let us, O Lord, be faith - ful Like

Sav - ior from a - bove, Drawn by your Spir - it's  
Sim - eon to the end So that his prayer ex -

lead - ing, We come with joy and love In -  
ul - tant May from our hearts as - cend: "O

to your ho - ly tem - ple And wait with  
Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in

rev - 'rent mind As Sim - eon once had  
peace, I pray, Since I have seen my

wait - ed His God and Lord to find.  
Sav - ior And here be - held to his day."



**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.

# LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS

*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.*

*Special thanks to: Deb Buske for playing organ; and Ben Leyrer for recording the video of the sermon.*

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

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

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

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