

# ✚ THE DAY OF PENTECOST ✚

May 23, 2021



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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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# THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday - May 23, 2021



### *The Gift of the Holy Spirit*

Fifty days after the Passover, God's Old Testament people Israel would celebrate the gathering of the harvest at the *Festival of Weeks*. At the celebration fifty days after Christ's resurrection, God sent the promised Counselor on the day we call "Pentecost" (Greek for "the fiftieth (day)"). This outpouring of the Holy Spirit marked the birthday of the New Testament Church and Christians today continue to mark it as they celebrate the harvest of souls won by the Son and gathered by the Spirit.

The color for the day is red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift as well as the blood of the martyrs which served as the seed of the New Testament Church. Following the season of Easter, we now celebrate that our risen Lord empowers his people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.

# ✚ COMMON SERVICE ✚

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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.*

**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.

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## THE PREPARATION

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

### OPENING HYMN

### 185 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three verses of the hymn. The first column contains the first verse, the second column contains the second verse, and the third column contains the third verse. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our  
2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word In faith - ful  
3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter

Lord and Sav - ior In faith and fer - vent love em -  
hearts may trea - sure; Let e'er that bread of life af -  
hour im - pend - ing, May your good work in us be -

brace And tru - ly serve him ev - er, So that when  
ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to  
gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, Un - til we

death is near at hand We at his cross may firm -  
die to ev - 'ry sin; Each day cre - ate us new  
glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our Sav -



## 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)



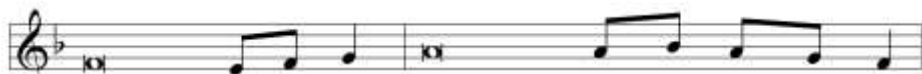
## HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

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.



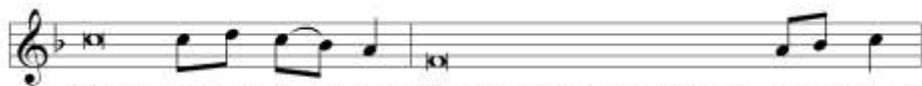
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Father 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



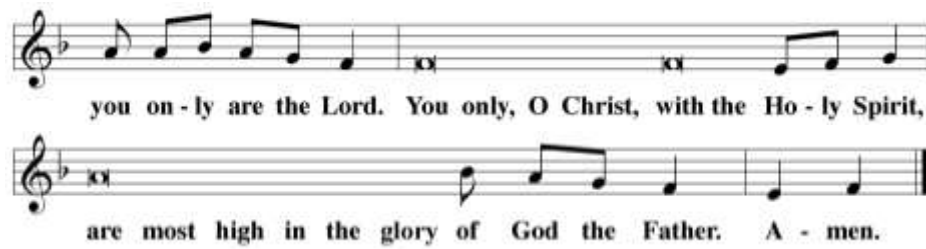
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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;



## **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.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**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**                      Ezekiel 37:1-14

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

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

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

## PSALM OF THE DAY      Psalm 51b

\* 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..."



**All:      Refrain**

Males: O Lord, open my lips,\*

Females: and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;\*  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Refrain**

Create in me a pure heart, O God,\*  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence\*  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,\*  
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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**        Acts 2:1-21

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

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

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

**VERSE OF THE DAY**        (Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

**M:** Alleluia. “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Alleluia. *(From the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)*



*\* 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**        John 14:25-27

*\* Please stand.*

**M:** The Holy Gospel for the Day of Pentecost, according to St. John, chapter fourteen.

**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 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your gra - ces  
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, Guide di - vine, And cause the Word of  
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, Com - fort true; Grant us the will your



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



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



of your light In ho - ly faith your church u - nite  
 keep us free; Let none but Christ our Mas - ter be  
 pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue; This to your  
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In him, our  
 That brave-ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



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

**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**      183    *“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”*

*\* 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 – PENTECOST SUNDAY** (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Ephesians 6:18)

*\* Please remain seated.*

**M: Let us pray.**

**Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to his disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:**

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

**But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**M: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.**

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

*\* Special prayers and intercessions.*

**M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.**

*\* Silent prayer.*

**M: Holy Spirit, highest confidence in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.**

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

## **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.**

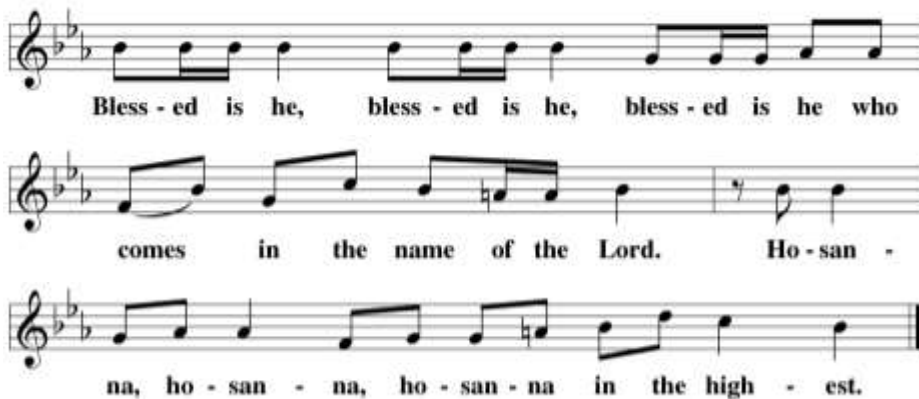
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world.

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

## 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."

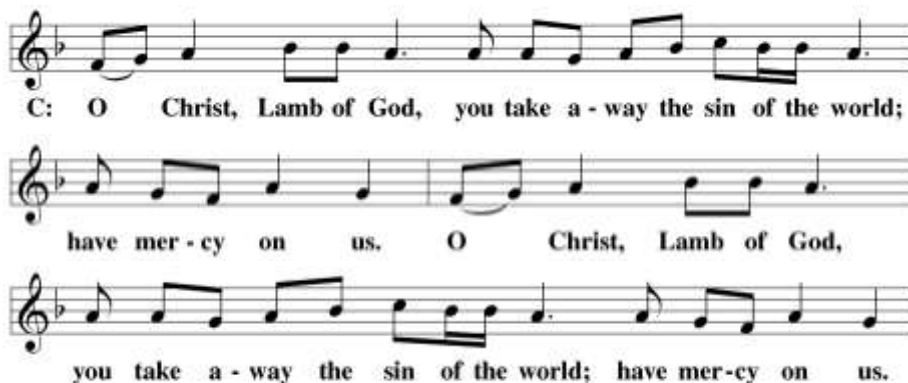
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

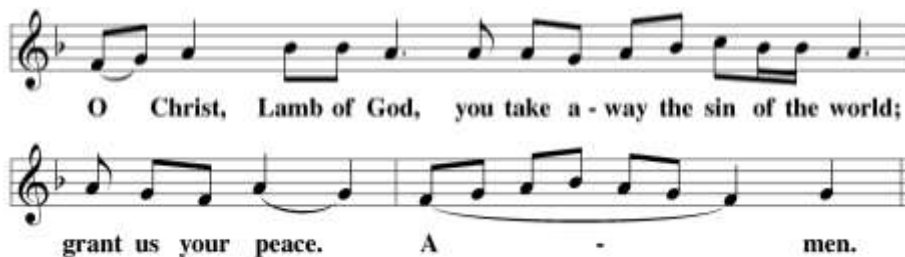
### **PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD** (John 20:19)

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**    179    "Hail Thee, Festival Day"  
182    "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

***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

263 v 4 "All Glory Be to God on High"



4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, pre - cious Gift, Our Com - fort -  
er from heav - en, Our wea - ry hearts and  
souls up - lift; For this our praise is giv - en. De -  
liv - er us from doubt and fear; When Sa - tan trou - bles  
us, be near; We trust your love and pow - er.

† † †

**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.



*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:** Linda Loeffel for playing organ; Peter Hermanson for serving as cantor; Ben Leyrer, Peter Hermanson, Oliva Hermanson, and Allison Hermanson for running the sound, playing the music, and recording the video of the service at the recording on Saturday; and Amy Hermanson for serving on Altar Duty.*

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*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)*