

# ✚ FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✚

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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 Word of Christ Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind***

Jesus' parables convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are taught to fear, love, and trust in him by faith. Such is the case with the parables we hear today.

The seed scattered on the ground seems insignificant. And yet, hidden within the seed is life. It sprouts and grows. How insignificant, almost invisible, the mustard seed; yet how magnificent its growth! Likewise, the lowly, seemingly insignificant Word of God is preached, and life comes to the dead soil of the human heart. God's Word sprouts and grows into the magnificent planting of the Lord and performs its function to the glory of God in the world. We do not understand it; we do not always see it. But the Lord speaks, and it is done!

The growth of Christ's kingdom is a miracle accomplished by our God. True growth in the Church is not always measurable or visible, but through faithful use of the Word and Sacraments God accomplishes spiritual growth in his kingdom.

# ✚ SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT ✚

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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

### 255 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in five columns, with some words split across lines to fit the musical phrasing.

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty;  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;

Zi - on, let me en - ter there, Where my  
Come thou al - so un - to me. Where we  
Here thy seed is du - ly sown. Let my  
Let me keep thy gift di - vine, How - so -  
Let thy will be done in - deed. May I

soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for him who  
find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on  
soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious  
e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; May thy Word still  
un - dis - turbed draw near thee While thou dost thy



an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed is this  
earth must be. To my heart, oh, en - ter  
sheaves a - lone, So that all I hear may  
o'er me shine As my guid - ing star through  
peo - ple feed. Here of life the foun - tain

place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
thou; Let it be thy tem - ple now!  
be Fruit - ful un - to life in me,  
life, As my com - fort in all strife,  
flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

*\* Please stand.*

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

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

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

*\* 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.

## 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.**

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

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



## O LORD, OUR LORD (Psalm 8:1)

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of nine lines of music. The first line starts with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second line has a triplet of eighth notes. The third line also has a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth line has a triplet of eighth notes. The fifth line has a triplet of eighth notes. The sixth line has a triplet of eighth notes. The seventh line has a triplet of eighth notes. The eighth line has a triplet of eighth notes. The ninth line has a triplet of eighth notes. The score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (Bb).

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



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

M: Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



\* 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 pick up a copy of "About the Propers," a weekly document explaining the changeable parts of the service. Several copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.*

## FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

\* After the reading of the Lesson:

M: The Word of Our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**



## PSALM OF THE DAY      Psalm 92

\* *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:    How great are your works, O LORD,\*

Females:    *how profound your thoughts!*

The senseless man does not know,\*  
*fools do not understand,*

that though the wicked spring up like grass\*  
and all evildoers flourish,

they will be forever destroyed.\*  
*But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.*

***Refrain***

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,\*  
*they will flourish in the courts of our God.*

They will still bear fruit in old age,\*  
*they will stay fresh and green,*

proclaiming, "The LORD is upright;\*"  
*he is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him."*

**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            2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

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

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

**VERSE OF THE DAY            Psalm 132:9            (John 20:31; Psalm 150; Revelation 19)**

**M:** Alleluia. "May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy." Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*\* 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 Mark 4:26-34

\* Please stand.

M: The Holy Gospel for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, according to St. Mark, chapter four.

\* After the reading of the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



\* Please be seated.

## HYMN OF THE DAY 188 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's  
2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, The Fa -  
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high In an -  
4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, At - tend

foun - da - tions first were laid, Come, vis - it  
ther's help to us as - sure. Come down, as  
swer to our ear - nest cry. Help us e -  
th' al - might - y Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior -

ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come, pour your joys on  
prom - ised, with your fire, And hearts with heav'n - ly  
ter - nal truths re - ceive And prac - tice all that  
Son be glo - ri - fied, Who for all hu - man -

The hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has four lines of lyrics. The second staff has three lines of lyrics. The third staff has three lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.



## SERMON

Mark 4:26-34

## 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

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

*\* Please stand.*

## 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

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



**C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

**SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Isaiah 6:3)



The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you. I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry." The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the first line of the melody and lyrics. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The sixth staff concludes the melody and lyrics with a double bar line.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

**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.



**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.

The image displays five lines of musical notation for the Agnus Dei song. Each line is on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is a simple, repetitive sequence of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: '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)

\* 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.*

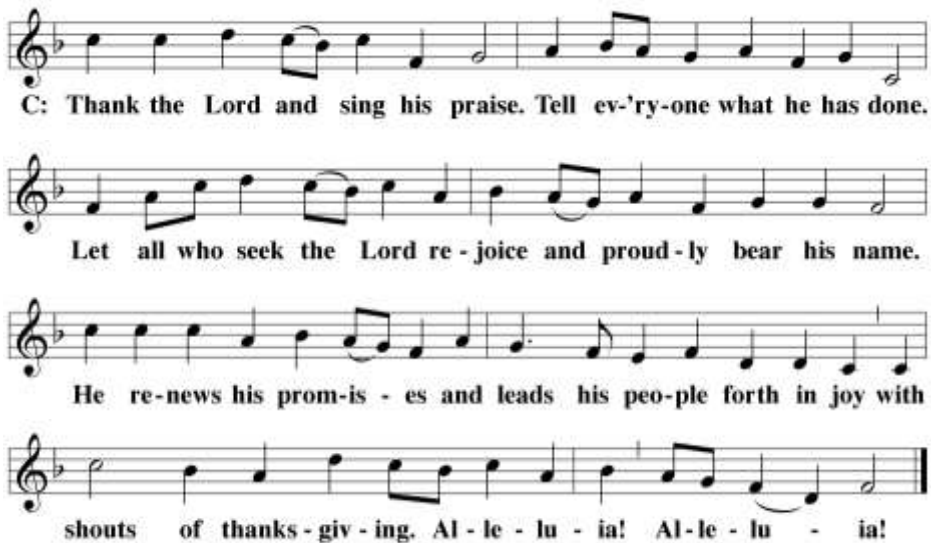
## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

**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.*



## THANK THE LORD (Psalm 7:17)

\* Please stand as the canticle is introduced.



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Luke 17:5; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; Revelation 11:17)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## PARTING BLESSING (Luke 8:48; Romans 12:16; Psalm 100:2)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## 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.



\* Please be seated.

## CLOSING HYMN

322 "In Adam We Have All Been One"

1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -  
2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our  
3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you

stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it  
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don  
here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest  
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -  
yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!  
ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.  
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

† † †

**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; and Ben Leyrer for running the sound, playing the music, and recording video for the live stream.

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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)