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# Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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**.

<u>Our practice of closed communion</u>: 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."

<u>Rest Rooms</u> 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.

<u>Guest book</u>: If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

<u>Mother's Room</u>: 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.

<u>Chair Lifts</u> 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 Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of his pasture. To protect his flock from further destruction, he gathers them, brings them back to the fold, and sets shepherds over them who will care for them.

These pastors are under-shepherds of the great Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. He was raised up as the ultimate Shepherd King to reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. He is our righteousness, in whom we live in safety.

Like he did with those who gathered around him in the account from today's Gospel, Jesus has compassion on all of us, who were born helpless because of our sins; like sheep without a shepherd. Even today, through the Ministry of the Gospel, he brings us near to him. Though we were separated from Christ by our sin, having no hope and without God in the world, through the forgiveness that comes from Jesus' blood, now we are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. 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.

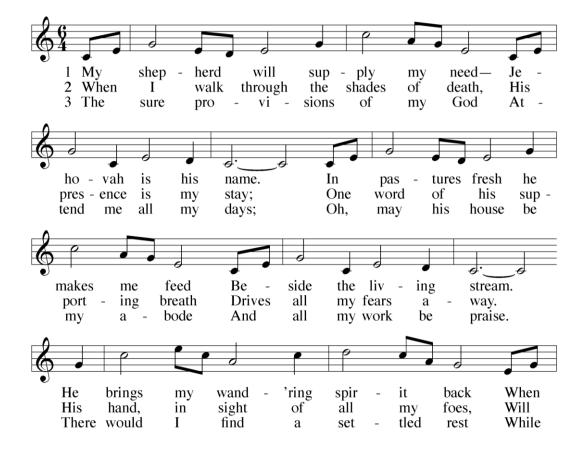
**Personal Prayer for before Worship:** O Lord – our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter – we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow daily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

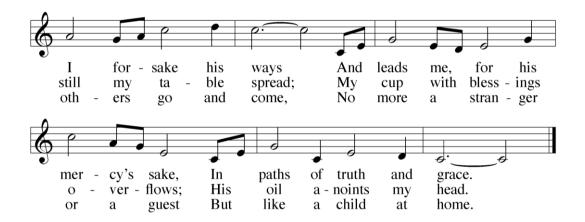
## **THE PREPARATION**

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

**OPENING HYMN** 

374 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"





**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.

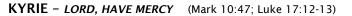


#### CONFESSION OF SINS (1 John 1:8-9)

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.







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

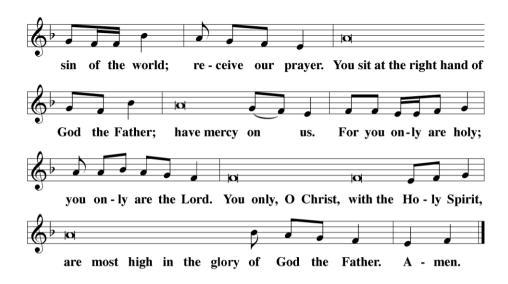
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



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

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





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

M: The Lord be with you.



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

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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)

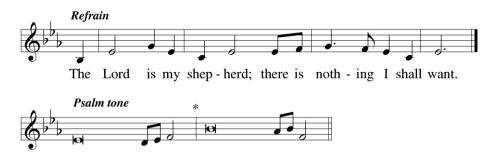
For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit our church website to read today's "About the Propers," a weekly document explaining the changeable parts of the service.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 23:1-6

- \* After the reading of the Lesson:
- M: The Word of Our Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

#### PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 23

\* 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: The LORD is my shepherd,\*

Females: I shall not <u>be</u> in want.

He makes me lie down in green <u>pas</u>tures;\* he leads me beside quiet <u>wa</u>ters.

He re<u>stores</u> my soul;\* *he guides me in paths of righteousness for his <u>name's</u> sake.*  Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,\*

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <u>com</u>fort me.

### Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my <u>en</u>emies.\* *You anoint my head with oil; my cup <u>o</u>verflows.* 

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days <u>of</u> my life,\* *and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for<u>ev</u>er.* 

All: Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son<sup>\*</sup> and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,<sup>\*</sup> is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:13-22

- \* After the reading of the Lesson:
- M: The Word of Our Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY Isaiah 55:11b (Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

M: Alleluia. "My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." 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 Mark 6:30-34

\* Please stand.

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



\* After the reading of the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



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

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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

\* Please be seated.

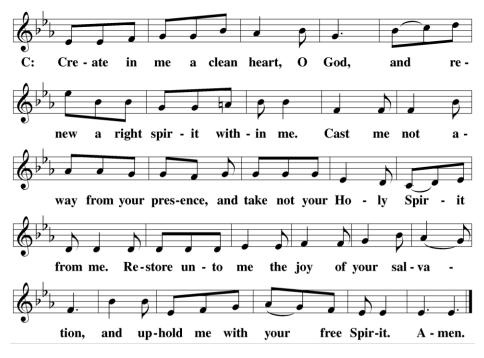
## HYMN OF THE DAY 362 "Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest"

Christ, My blest, 1 Lord Je Sav ior \_ sus \_ 2 Lord, will, still; you So lead me as 3 I Christ have Word, Je Lord: vour sus, 4 Now hence - forth trust must I put my 5 Grant, Lord. Your I pray, grace each day. My Sal tion! Lord, Hope and hear my va \_ my Your fails God. mer me nev er. My Ι cy \_ You This will nev will for sake me! I er Your cious In Ο dear - est Sav ior. you, gra -\_ That Your I, your name re ver ing, glo ry -plea: De liv From mis \_ er me  $\mathbf{v}!$ \_ er Teach pray: me vour way То my last day: time plead In of need. Oh. help with speed Your choice. Word and voice. Make me re - joice hap E see And py be \_ ter nal ly, brings Your Word la tion. con SO \_ From vil keep e me ev er. When trou bles 0 take me! \_ ver --Though sin ful my be hav ior. -\_ Be fore throne your pear ing. ap -

SERMON

#### CREATE IN ME (Psalm 51:10-12)

\* Please stand.



\* 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.

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked July 25<sup>th</sup> as a day to thank God for his work through St. James the Elder, Apostle. We will recognize this minor festival 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

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

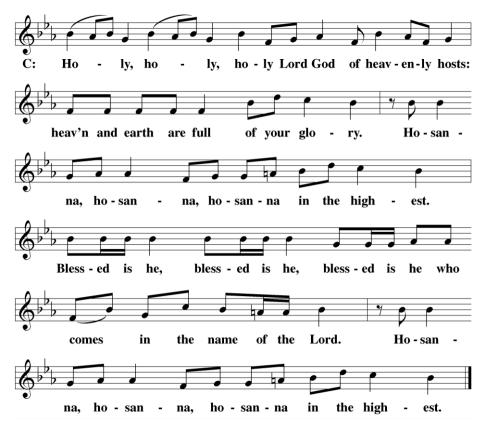


M: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)



- 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:



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

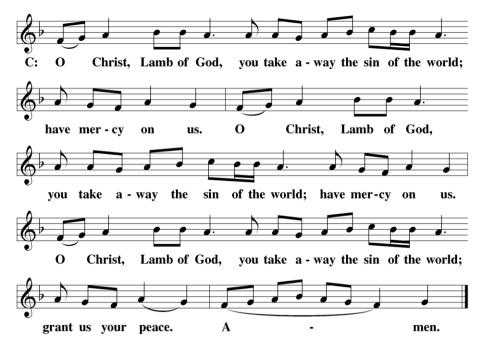
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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."

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



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



<sup>\*</sup> Please be seated.

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

\* <u>Visitors</u>, 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.

- \* <u>Communicants</u>, 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.
- \* <u>Children</u> and <u>Non-Communicants</u> 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.

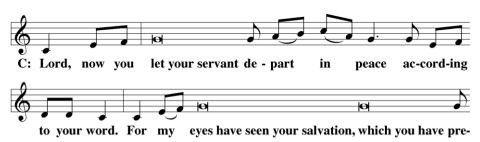
*Personal Prayer for before Holy Communion:* Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation,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

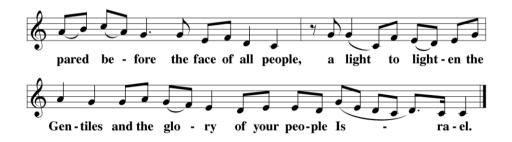
#### DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

**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.

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

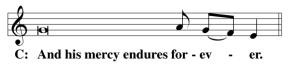






#### THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

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



#### 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.



#### AARONIC BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

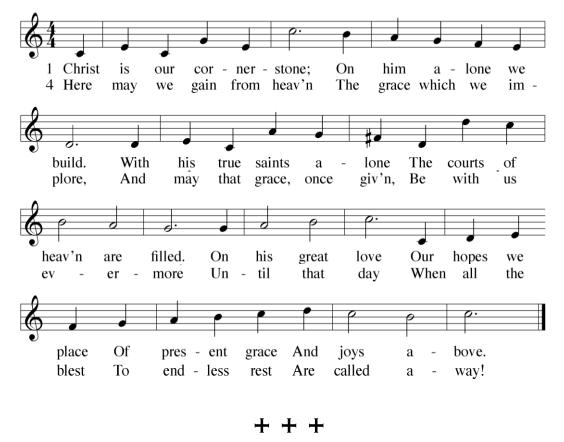
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.



**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:* Juanita Becker for playing organ; and Ben Leyrer, Peter Hermanson, and Oliva Hermanson 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