

✠ HOLY SATURDAY ✠

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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 of Holy Communion."

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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Holy Week

A Holy Week

While there are many holy days, there is but one Holy Week. The final week of Lent marks the most pivotal week in human history. Believers slow down this entire week to ponder all that Christ did for them, from his humble entrance into Jerusalem... to his sacrificial death on the cross... to the victory of Easter morning.

Triduum

The Three Holy Days

Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lenten preparation and the beginning of the three holy days of Christendom, called the *Triduum* (Latin for “three days,” referring to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). The Triduum services are closely connected and considered a single service that extends over this three-day period.

Holy Saturday

Vigil of Easter

The climax of the *Triduum* comes in the Vigil of Easter, a service of watching and waiting, using prayer, Scripture, and hymns. The Vigil is composed of four parts: (I) Service of Light, with its focus on the paschal candle, the representation of the unconquered life of Christ; (II) Service of Lessons, with its use of Old Testament texts that foreshadowed our deliverance and rescue by Jesus; (III) Service of Baptism, with its emphasis on our baptismal connection to Christ; and (IV) Service of Holy Communion, with its proclamation of the risen Savior and our blessed reconciliation to God.

✝ THE VIGIL OF EASTER ✝

CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION AND OF OUR BAPTISM

Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please gather in the downstairs fellowship hall prior to the service and take a bulletin and a candle. The beginning of the service will be conducted from there. If you are not able to manage the stairs, please gather in the narthex or sit in a pew near the back of the church. Bulletins and candles will be available in the narthex. Those who gathered downstairs will arrive to the narthex shortly to process into the nave with you.

Please note that the first part of the service will be conducted under candlelight, and the lessons will be read in darkness. Those with poor eyesight are encouraged to sit towards the back of the church where there is still some light from the narthex. The church will gradually grow lighter during the service.

As you prepare for worship and await instructions from the pastor, please remain silent and take some time to read through the bulletin carefully in preparation for this unique service.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

(Exodus 13:21,22; John 1:3-9; 8:12; 1 John 1:5-7)

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

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

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

C: Amen.

M: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people with the fire of your love. Bless, we ask you, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival. Burning with desire for life with you, may we be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end,

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

** The candle bearer, holding the paschal candle, steps forward. The pastor traces the cross and the Greek letters Α and Ω (Alpha and Omega) upon it, saying:*

M: Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega.

** The pastor traces the year upon the candle, saying:*

M: His are time and eternity; his are the glory and dominion now and forever.

** The pastor puts the five wax nails representing the wounds of Christ into the candle, saying:*

M: By his wounds we are healed now and forever. Amen.

** Then, lighting the candle from the Christ candle, the pastor says:*

M: May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

** The pastor will light the candles of those seated along the aisles. Please light your candle from the person next to you (tip only the unlit candles). Keep your candles lit until directed to extinguish them later.*

PRAYER

** Please stand.*

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful Father, once we were darkness, but now we are light in Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless abundantly all who joyfully celebrate this night in faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill them with your heavenly blessing in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

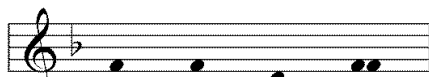
C: Amen.

M: Let us go forth in the name of the Lord.

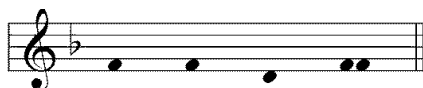
* *Following the pastor and candle bearer, please process up the stairs and gather in the narthex.*

PROCESSION

* *As the procession begins, the candle bearer pauses at the entrance to the nave and sings:*



B The light of Christ.



C Thanks be to God.

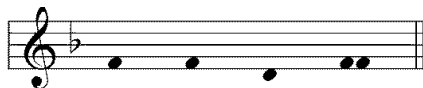
* *Follow the candle bearer and the pastor into the nave and enter a pew of your choosing.*

Please remain standing and keep your candles lit until directed to extinguish them later in the service.

* *Halfway to the altar, the candle bearer pauses and sings a second time:*

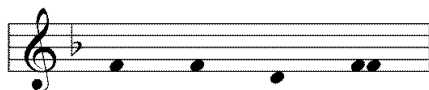


B The light of Christ.

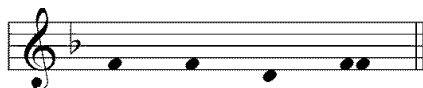


C Thanks be to God.

* *When the candle bearer arrives before the altar, he faces the congregation, lifts the candle high, and sings a third time:*



B The light of Christ.



C Thanks be to God.

EXSULTET – EASTER PROCLAMATION

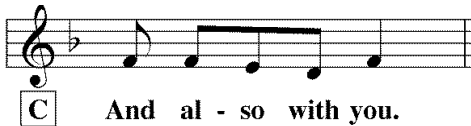
** The candle bearer places the paschal candle in its stand in the center of the chancel, and the cantor sings:*

Cantor: Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation;
sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King.

Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you
and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the
ancient darkness has been forever banished.

Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this
house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful
people.

M: The Lord be with you.



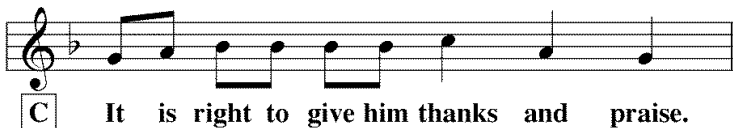
And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Cantor: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places, with all
our hearts and minds and voices, praise you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty
and everlasting God, and your one and only Son, Jesus Christ.

For he is the true Paschal Lamb, who offered himself for the sin of the world,
who has cleansed us by the shedding of his precious blood.

This is the night when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of
bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground.

This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality.

This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night.

Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave you gave your Son.

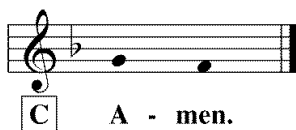
How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away.

How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast.

How blessed is this night when man is reconciled to God in Christ.

Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise.

Let Christ, the true Light and Morning Star, shine in our hearts, he who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



* *Please be seated and extinguish your candle.*

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

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

M: On this most holy night, our Savior Christ the Lord broke the power of death and by his resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for he truly keeps his word. The sun of righteousness has dawned on those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

CREATION

Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 (*English Standard Version*)

* *After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Word and Spirit you most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh you brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in your mercy we may be conformed to the image of him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

** Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

THE FLOOD Genesis 7:1-5,11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 (ESV)

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, you kill and you raise to life; you brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet you saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that your mercy may come to its fullness and your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

** Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

TESTING OF ABRAHAM Genesis 22:1-18 (ESV)

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

M: Let us pray.

O God, since you promised faithful Abraham that he would be the father of a great multitude, you provided a substitute for his son Isaac. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, the Lamb who take away the sin of the world, to lay down his life that we might live as faithful children of Abraham. Grant to all people a living trust in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

** Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10–15:1 (ESV)

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you once delivered your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

** Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

Isaiah 55:1-11 (ESV)

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by your Word you created and sustain all things, and by your Spirit you renew your creation. Grant now the water of life to all who thirst for you that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

** Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36:24-28 (ESV)

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, by the death and resurrection of your Son you cleansed our hearts and put a new Spirit within us. Grant that all who are brought

to newness of life in the fellowship of the body of Christ may show forth in their lives what they confess with their lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

** Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE Zephaniah 3:12-20 (ESV)

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

M: Let us pray.

Look in mercy, O Lord, upon your faithful people, and by Word and Spirit bring to completion that good work which you have begun in us. Gather in your people that all the world may see and know that what has been cast down is raised up and what has grown old is made new, until the work you have begun in us is brought to its joyful fulfillment in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

** Silence for reflection on God's Word. Please stand at the direction of the pastor.*

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA – ALL YOU WORKS OF THE LORD

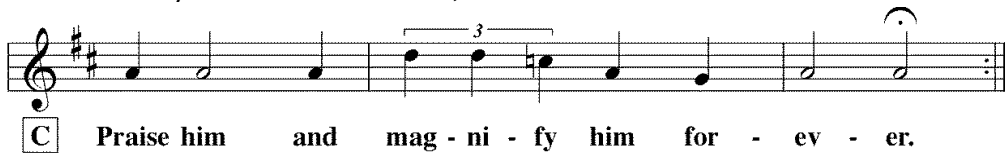
** The congregation will sing the refrain after the cantor sings each verse.*

Cantor: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord –
Praise him and magnify him forever.

You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord;
you heavens, bless the Lord;
all you powers of the Lord, bless the Lord –



Cantor: You sun and moon, bless the Lord;
you stars of heaven, bless the Lord;
you showers and dew, bless the Lord -



Cantor: You winds of God, bless the Lord;
you fire and heat, bless the Lord;
you winter and summer, bless the Lord -



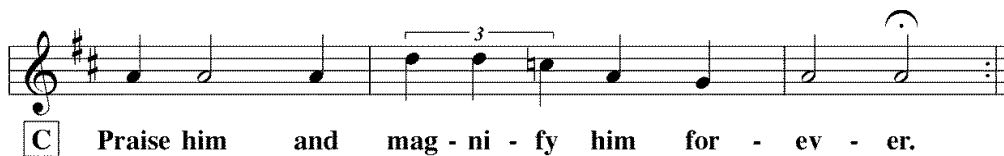
Cantor: You dews and frost, bless the Lord;
you frost and cold, bless the Lord;
you ice and snow, bless the Lord -



Cantor: You nights and days, bless the Lord;
you light and darkness, bless the Lord;
you lightning and clouds, bless the Lord -



Cantor: Let the earth bless the Lord:
you mountains and hills, bless the Lord;
all you green things that grow on the earth, bless the Lord -



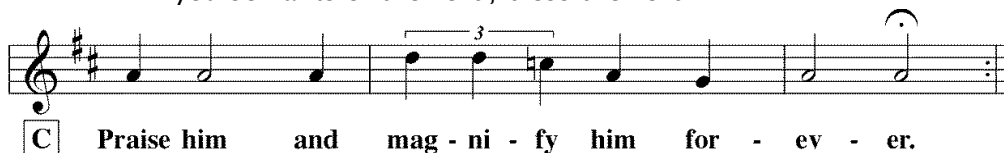
Cantor: You wells and springs, bless the Lord;
 you rivers and seas, bless the Lord;
 you whales and all who move in the seas, bless the Lord -



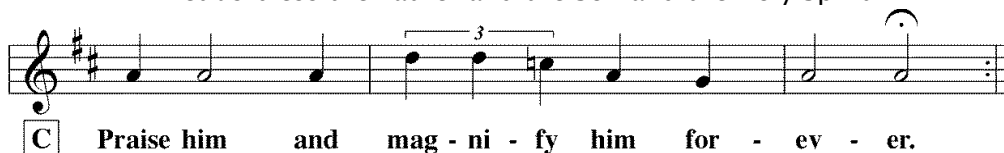
Cantor: All you birds of the air, bless the Lord;
 all you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord;
 all you children of mortals, bless the Lord -



Cantor: You people of God, bless the Lord;
 you priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;
 you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord -



Cantor: You spirits and souls of the righteous, bless the Lord;
 you pure and humble of heart, bless the Lord;
 let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit -



* Please be seated.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

(Matthew 3:13-17; Romans 6:3,4; Colossians 2:11,12; 1 Peter 3:21; Titus 3:4-7)

* *The lights in the chancel are lit.*

M: On this holiest of days, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls his death and burial, rejoicing in the gospel of his glorious resurrection from the dead. Holy Baptism is the precious means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection.

The apostle Paul says: “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

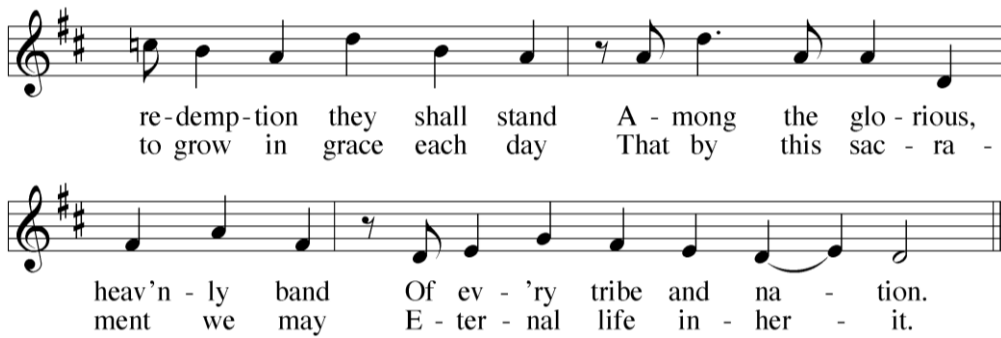
HYMN 299 “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us your

Lord's sal - va - tion; Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ,
Ho - ly Spir - it. Help us in our in - firm - i - ty

They are a new cre - a - tion. Through Christ's
Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it. Grant us



REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BAPTISMS

M: In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives new life in Christ our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C: **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

M: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

M: Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – as long as you live?

C: **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

** The altar candles are lit from the paschal candle. Please remain silent for meditation.*

Once the altar candles are lit, the lights of the church are fully lit, and the pastor exclaims:

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

ALLELUIA REFRAIN (Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

** The cantor will introduce the Alleluia refrain. Then the congregation will join in singing the refrain the second time and responsively thereafter.*

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Cantor: For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:22)

This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)



* *The pastor processes to the center of the nave for the proclamation of the Easter Gospel.*

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

* *Please stand.*

M: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, according to St. Matthew, chapter twenty-eight.

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

M: This is the Gospel of Our Lord!

* *After the reading of the Gospel, the pastor returns to the chancel as the congregation sings:*



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

M: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the resurrection of our Lord, preserve in all your people the Spirit of adoption which you have given, that they may serve you in faith and joy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.

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 un - 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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

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.



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

A guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is found on page 156 in the front of the hymnal. Prayers for before and after Holy Communion are found on page 11.

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

You 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 that they don't intend to commune.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

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

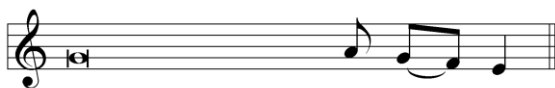
* Please stand.



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 for - ev - er.

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: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

166 "The Day of Resurrection"

* *Please remain standing for the first stanza of the closing hymn and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave. You may be seated after the first stanza.*



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful; Let earth her song be - gin.



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
And, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en; Our joy shall have no end.

POSTLUDE



*A **personal prayer for after worship** is printed on page 11 in the front of the hymnal.*

***You will not be ushered out.** You may depart any time after the conclusion of the closing hymn.*

*If you haven't done so already, **please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.***

***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.*

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

***All are welcome to worship with us tomorrow as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus.** Services will be held at 8:00 and 10:30 am. The 10:30 service will be live streamed on Nain's YouTube channel. A breakfast will be served in between the two services; all are invited!*



Special thanks to: Juanita Becker for playing organ... Matt Reichardt for serving as cantor... Peter Hermanson for serving as candle bearer, crucifer, and distribution assistant... Aaron Palmer for serving as usher... and Ben Leyrer and Mark Buske for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream.

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For more information about our synod, please visit its website: www.wels.net

The Paschal Candle

Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter, for it was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (the "Pasch") that Jesus rose from the dead and proved himself to be the true Passover Lamb whose blood removes the threat of death (Exodus 12 & 1 Corinthians 6:6-8).

Paschal Candles are usually very large, white, and inscribed with a cross and the Greek letters Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) - the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet - which symbolize that Christ is eternal, the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).

The Paschal Candle is lit every Easter morning to symbolize that Christ is alive and lives among his people. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The candle is also lit at Holy Baptisms and Christian funerals, reminding us of the believer's new birth and resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.