# ✝ TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✝

**August 14, 2022**



**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 those who believe in him 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 for you as you worship 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.

Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

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.

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
## Proper 15

August 14, 2022



*Sundays after Pentecost*
***Hard Truth***

With a sense of extreme urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even if we do not want to hear them. As Jesus teaches hard truth, he challenges conventional wisdom. He reverses the normal and natural order of things. This should not surprise us, considering this Teacher's life and work are the opposite of what one would expect. When the truth is hard to hear, the first temptation is to deny it. We cannot do that with Jesus' teaching, for he never lies. When the truth is hard to hear, the second temptation is to simply ignore it. To do that with Jesus is to court eternal death. Thus, Jesus' words contain an urgent warning: Listen! Take to heart what Jesus says! For his Word, though it contains hard truth, gives eternal life.

*Proper 15*
***We Want Peace, But God's Word Divides***

We often divide humanity into groupings that are not really significant: this ethnic group versus that one, men versus women, wealthy versus the poor. Yet, every ethnic group is under God's law. That law convicts both men and women of sin. Because of sin, the wealthy and the poor will both die. Only through faith in Christ is sin forgiven and the sting of death removed. God's Word creates that saving faith, but not in everyone who hears it. Fallen man retains the awful power to resist the working of the Spirit inside him… to reject the gift of faith. Therefore, God's Word produces the only people grouping that ultimately matters: believers and unbelievers. We want to overcome division and live in peace with other people. Here is a hard truth: total peace is impossible for the believer to achieve. Those who embrace the gospel in faith will inevitably face hostility and opposition. Following Jesus will come at a price. Yet he promises us our perseverance will be rewarded.

# The Service
## Setting One

***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 prayers for worship are printed on pages 10-11, 134-139, and 156 in the front of the red hymnal.*
*The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the red hymnal.*

## The Preparation

**Opening Hymn** *457 "Fight the Good Fight"*

*Please stand*

**Invocation** *(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)*

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

**Confession** *(1 John 1:8-9; Luke 18:13)*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**
**and will forgive us our sins**
**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**Holy God, gracious Father,**
**I am sinful by nature**
**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**
**I have not loved others as I should.**
**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**
**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**
**with his innocent suffering and death.**
**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## Absolution

*(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)*
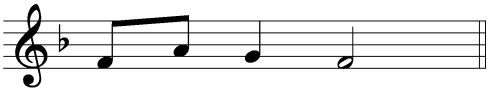
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**
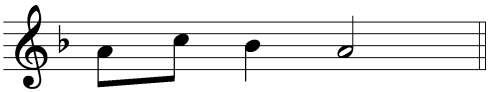
## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

*(Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13)*
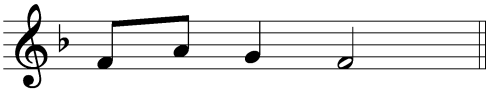
In peace let us pray to the Lord.
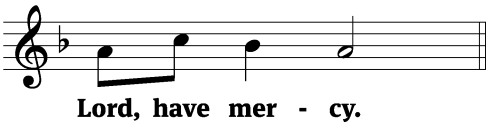



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



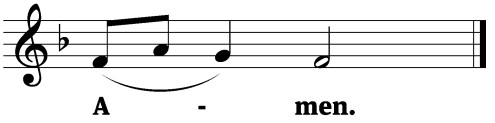

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
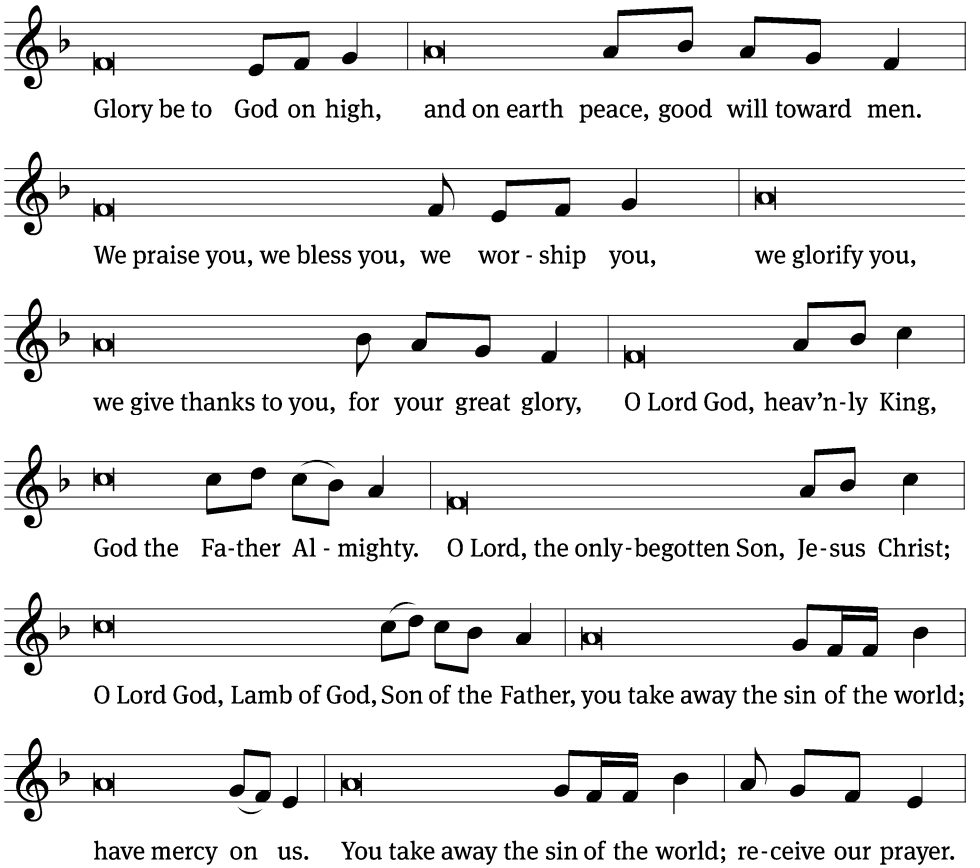



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

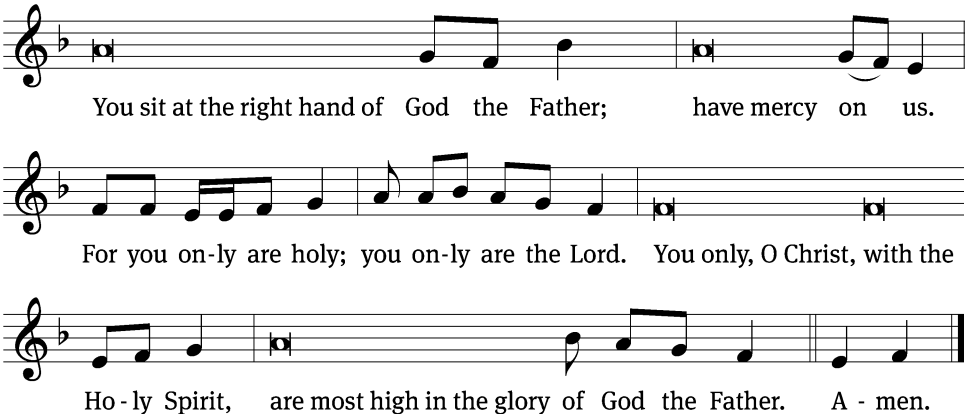



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## Glory be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*

*(Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Acts 7:56)*






# The Word

## Salutation

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

*(Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6)*

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

*The Word of the LORD divides what is true from what is false.*

*After the reading of the Lesson:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 139a *page 116*

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

## Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-13

*The Hebrews who converted to Christianity faced great opposition. They were often divided from their friends, separated from their livelihood. How would they persevere? By fixing their eyes on Jesus.*

*After the reading of the Lesson:*
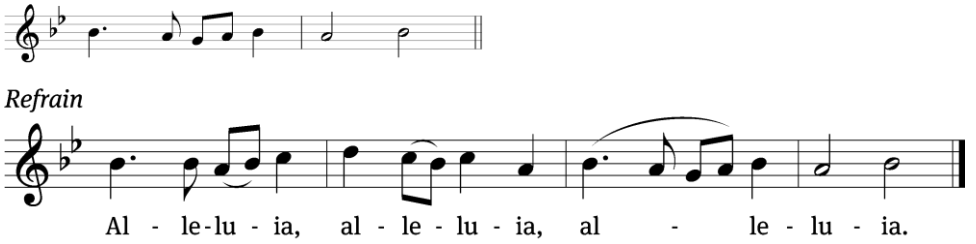
The Word of the Lord.

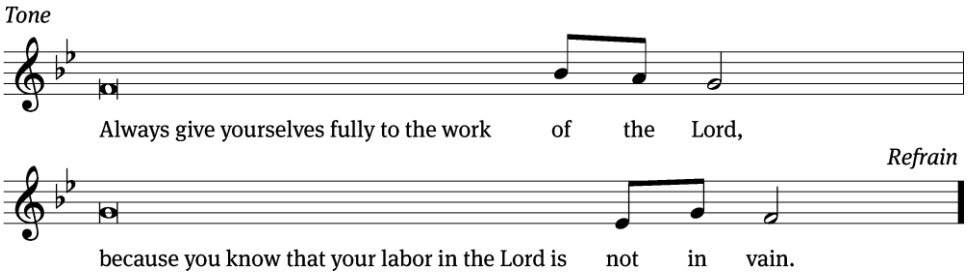
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 15:58






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*The minister processes to the nave floor for the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word*

**Gospel** Luke 12:49-53

*Jesus was fully aware that his work would cause division that would often cut close to home.*

*After the reading of the Gospel:*

The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**Hymn of the Day** *184 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"*

**Sermon** Luke 12:49-53
*"The High Cost of Peace"*

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed** *Credo* *(Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)*

**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 truly 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*

## Prayer of the Church

Witness / Personal Evangelism

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus, to bring peace and hope to our fallen world. Already in eternity you planned to overturn the tyranny of Satan and the ravages of sin and you kept your promises to restore the perfection of paradise.

**Lead us to cherish your great mercy and hold to it as our priceless treasure.**

Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, we praise and adore you for offering your perfect life and innocent death to redeem the world from death and hell. You proclaimed the good news that sins are forgiven and life with God is restored and you called your followers to share the gospel with all people.

**Make us bold and confident to be witnesses to family and friends we know and love.**

Holy Spirit, Lord, and giver of life, through Word and sacrament you create and strengthen faith that trusts the promise of the Father and the work of his Son. You break down the barriers of resistance and rejection and bring the lost into the family of God.

**Empower and encourage us to speak about Jesus to neighbors and acquaintances.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked August 15 as a day to remember God's work through St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord. We will recognize this minor church year festival in our prayers today.*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, move us by your great love to enter the mission fields near our homes and neighborhoods. Help us always to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have.

**Guide us, strengthen us, and bless us as we share the love of Jesus. Amen.**

## Offering

*(Proverbs 3:9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Matthew 6:19-21; 25-34)*

*Offering Collection*

*God, who blesses us with all we have, gives us the privilege of showing him our thanks in many ways. One of*

*these ways is by giving back a portion of what he has given us to support the work of the Church.*

*If you are a guest, please don't feel that you must give an offering. We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' eternal love for you.*

*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!*

*Friendship Registers*

*A Friendship Register (i.e. the maroon book) is located at the end of each pew. Sometime before you leave, please write in your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.*

# The Sacrament

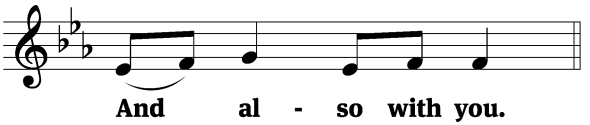
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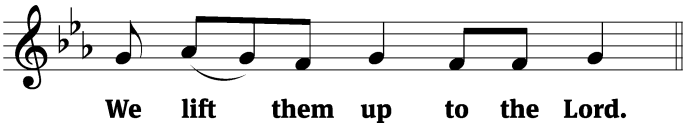
## Prefaces

*(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)*
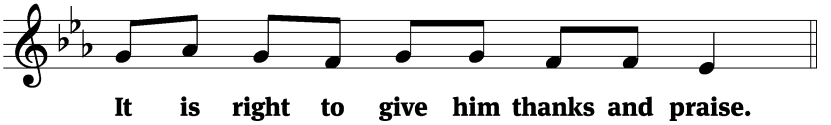
The Lord be with you.




Lift up your hearts.



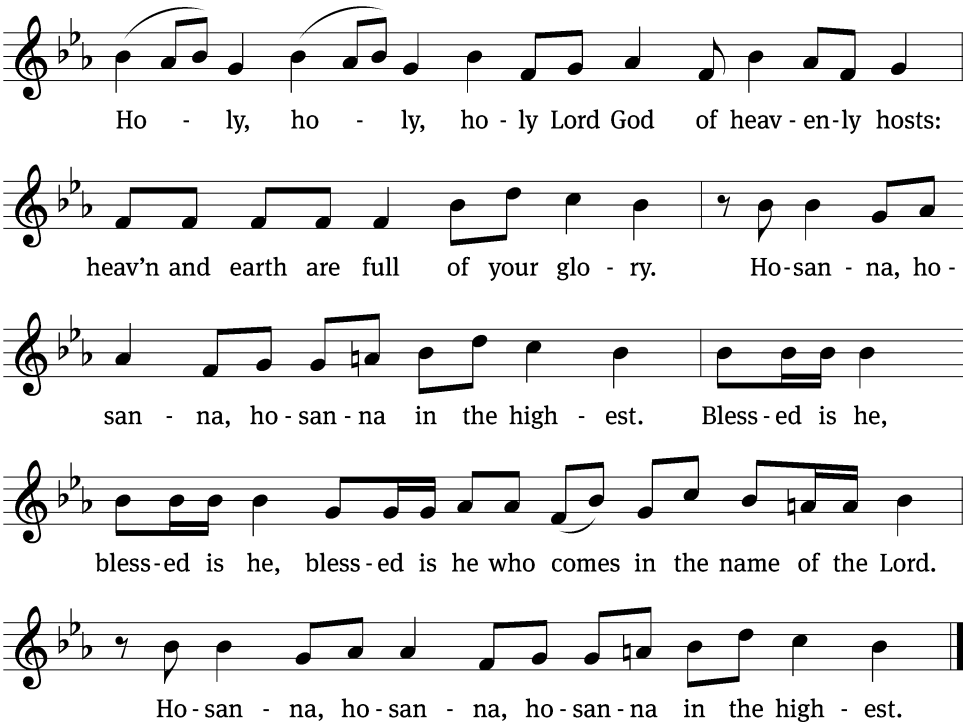

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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 until 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *Sanctus* *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)*




**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)*

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)*

**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.**

## Words of Institution *Verba*

*(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

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."

## Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

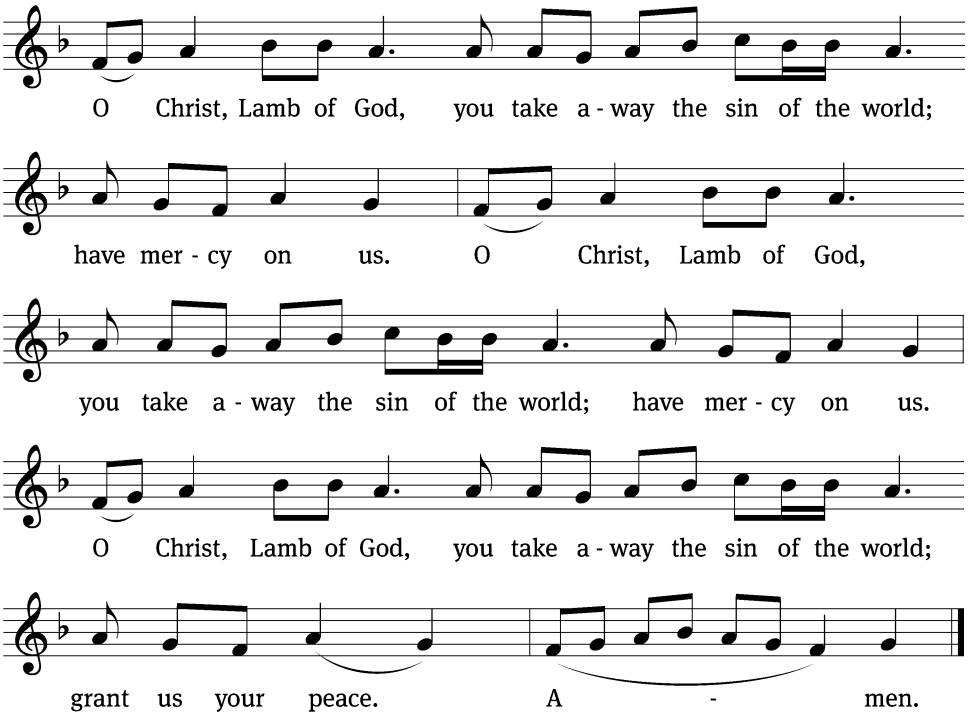
*(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

*(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)*




*Please be seated*

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)*

*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 believers 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, poured out 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*

*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 that they don't intend to commune.*

## Distribution Hymn

*443 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"*

*Please stand*

## Thanksgiving

*(Psalm 118:1)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
**his mercy endures forever.**

## Proclamation

*(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

*(Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11)*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

*(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

*504 "Bless Our Loved Ones, Holy Father"*

✝ ✝ ✝

*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**.*

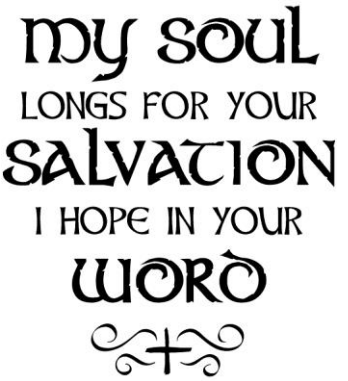
***If you have an offering**, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.*

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

***Please contact Pastor Berg** at any time if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.*

*Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall after the service for **Fellowship Time** and **Bible Study.***

*Currently, we are studying the topic of "Christian Worship." In addition to studying what God says in his Word about worship and our own worship practices in the Lutheran tradition, we will familiarize ourselves with the new Christian Worship hymnal. We hope you will join us!*




***Special thanks to:*** *Linda Loeffel for playing organ… Jerry Loeffel for serving as usher… Ben Leyrer for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream… and Jessica Reichardt for taking care of altar duty.*

*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.*

*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 the "Worship Resources" page of our website to read this Sunday's* ***"About the Propers,"*** *a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.*

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

***"Understanding Lutheran Worship"*** *provides excellent information about the Lutheran Liturgy, the Christian Church Year, and the Books of the Bible. A copy of the booklet is located in the hymnal rack of each pew.*

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